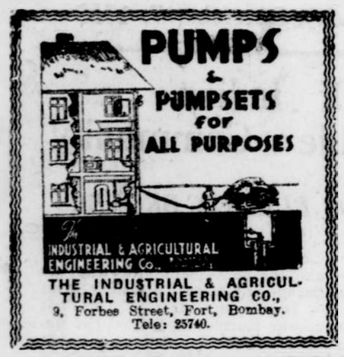


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Blockade Upsets Nazi Apple-Cart

Strangulation Of Exports

Economic System Heading Towards Crisis: Germany Threatens Neutrals

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Much surprise has been caused in Berlin by an article in Field-Marshal Goering's newspaper by H. Helfrich, one of Germany's leading economic experts, in which he points out how the effectiveness of British contraband control has resulted in the strangulation of Germany's export trade. As in 1914-18, England has brought Germany's overseas trade to a complete standstill. Many German ships are lying in Neutral ports, while some of them have already been confiscated.

Although the Fuehrer had declared "Germany must export or die," her exports are unable to leave the country, and the whole economic system is heading towards ruin. Helfrich says that Raeder's financial position is grave and asks the German Government to provide new capital. He suggests that the authorities must provide some other means of business.

This statement which is claimed to have caused surprise in Berlin is stated to be a reflection of the disagreement between Marshal Goering and the Reichsbank.—Reuter.

BERLIN WARNS NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

LONDON, Dec. 6.

A warning to neutral countries that they should no longer content themselves with mere paper protests but should take active measures against the seizure of German exports by the Allies is contained in what is described as an authoritative statement issued in Berlin to-day.—Reuter.

IL DUCE'S TALK WITH NAZI LEADER

ROME, Dec. 6.

Sgr. Mussolini had an hour's conversation with the German Labour Front leader, Doctor Ley.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

SEAT OF PUPPET GOVT. EVACUATED

ROME, Dec. 6.

Terijoki the seat of the Puppet Finnish Government has been evacuated following bombardment by Finnish 'planes, according to reports from Helsinki which add that Russian forces advancing on Petsamo are being machine-gunned from the air by the Finns.

The Finnish Parliament met twice yesterday at a place which is not revealed.—Reuter.

"HUNTSMAN" SUNK?

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Liverpool steamer "Huntsman" (8,000 tons) is reported to be missing and presumed to be lost.—Reuter.

OPPOSITION AMENDMENT DEFEATED

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Opposition amendment to the Address was defeated by 303 votes to 125.—Reuter.

FINNS RESIST 'RED' ATTACK ON 3 FRONTS

Swedish Volunteers And Italian Planes To Rescue

FINLAND DEFENDS WESTERN CIVILISATION IN FIGHTING SOVIET AGGRESSION. SAYS PRESIDENT KALLIO

LONDON, Dec. 6.

President Kallio, broadcasting on the anniversary of Finland's Independence declared.

"Our greatest strength is unity".

He paid a tribute to Finland's women who had valiantly done their duty on the frontier as well as the men.

The Finnish Government did their utmost to find a solution by negotiation, but they could not accept all the Russian claims.

Finland was defending Western civilisation, he concluded, quoting the words of Luther "God is our firm stronghold".

ITALIAN 'PLANES FOR FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6.

Fifty Italian planes have arrived in Finland by air, according to a report here.—Reuter.

FINNISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

President Roosevelt's Tribute

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

In the course of a cable to President Kallio on the occasion of the Twenty-second Anniversary of Finnish Independence, President Roosevelt declares, "it is my earnest hope that those tragic days may not be long in giving way to a happier era to permit the Finnish people to continue untroubled the steady development of their free, political and social institutions which have aroused the admiration of the American people."

Officials here state that the message goes beyond the customary felicitations, which the President customarily cables the heads of States on the occasion of anniversaries.—Reuter.

SOVIET DUMP FORCES NEAR PETSAMO

Swedish Volunteers Join Finnish Army

ROME, Dec. 6.

Eleven thousand Russians landed near Petsamo at night, while other Soviet forces advanced overland, according to reports received here.

The Russians are continuing to disembark.

Petsamo is still stated to be in Finnish hands. Soviet planes violently bombed Salmijaervi nickel mines.

It is also reported here that 3,000 Swedish volunteers have hitherto entered Finland.—Reuter.

SWEDEN MUST HELP FINLAND

Plea For Active Foreign Intervention

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6.

A campaign in favour of active intervention in Finland has been launched to-day by an appeal published in all newspapers signed by leading professors, bankers, businessmen, Bihsops and industrialists.

The appeal stresses the gravity of the issue for Finland and points out that only Sweden is at present in a position to help.

The appeal adds that the signatories consider it their duty to appeal for Swedish help for Finland to be provided with all resources possible.—Reuter.

FINNISH TANKS IN ACTION

Ten Russian Machines Destroyed

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6.

The Finns are reported to be astonished at the time the Soviet army is taking to overcome the first provincial defences with which they are still faced.

Uneasiness has increased in Helsinki following reports that Russian pilots have been instructed not to fly below 4,000 feet owing to the accuracy of the anti-aircraft batteries and the fear that this will result in bombers scattering bombs indiscriminately.

The Finns have organised watch against parachute detachments with the result that such attempts are hitherto reported unsuccessful.

First report of the use of Finnish tanks was made to-day. Eight Finnish tanks are stated to have attacked and destroyed ten Russian.

The Legation have all moved ten miles inland to the village of Grankulla.—Reuter.

NEUTRALITY OF PORTUGAL

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Neither of the two German ships "Windhuk" and "Adolph Woermann" which left Lobito Bay on November 16 was armed

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Britain's 'Secret Weapons'

LONDON, Dec. 6.

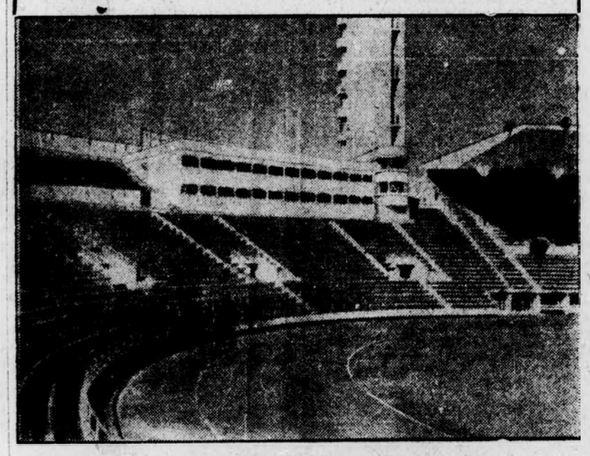
In the House of Commons asked whether details of the apparatus which makes detonators of magnetic mines active could now be disclosed, Mr. Geoffreys Shakespeare replied that it would be better not to make public at the present time the technical details of our knowledge of these mines.

NEW DEVICE AGAINST U-BOATS

Mr. Churchill's reference to the asdic method of fighting U-boats was the first use of the term in a public speech, Reuter learns.

Naval authorities preserve complete secrecy about the device which employs a special type of hydrophone apparatus for detection of submarines by sound.—Reuter.

BEAR RAID ON OLYMPICS!



Twenty-four cabins for Radio commentators at the Olympic Stadium, formed part of Finland's elaborate preparations for the XIIth Olympic Games which were to be held at Helsinki next July, and the announcement of whose cancellation was made just on the day the Reds bombed the Finnish capital.

LORDS' SECRET SESSION

To Discuss Ministry Of Supply

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Lord Stanhope announced in the Lords that Government were prepared to agree to a secret session of the Lords next week on Tuesday or Thursday.

The date could be arranged between the parties.

The object of the session was to discuss the Ministry of Supply.—Reuter.

SECRET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT ON DEC. 13

LONDON, Dec. 6.

It is understood that a secret session of the House of Commons will be held on Dec. 13.

According to present arrangements Parliament will adjourn for Christmas from December 14, until December 16 but could be summoned immediately if necessary.

Tokyo Denies It

TOKYO, Dec. 6.

A Foreign Office spokesman denies that Mr. Nomura and Mr. Grew discussed the reinforcement of the U. S. Fleet in the Pacific.—Reuter.

GERMAN RAIDS REPULSED

Definite Losses On Lorraine Front

PARIS, Dec. 6.

Germans made a series of raids during the past 24 hours at six different points on a twenty-mile stretch of the Lorraine front.

All raids were repulsed and at two points, Germans suffered definite losses, leaving the dead behind them.

It is clear that Germans are trying to verify the Allied battle order by making raids along the whole front in the hope of taking prisoners but they have not captured a single man.—Reuter.

GERMAN LINER CAPTURED

CAPETOWN, Dec. 6.

It is officially stated that British warships have captured the German liner "Ussukuma" (7,834 tons) in the South Atlantic.

The announcement issued by the naval authorities says that "Ussukuma" left Oouren Comarques 24 hours before the war was declared.

She later arrived at Bahiablanca and was intercepted and captured by British warships. The officers and crew are safely aboard a British ship. In spite of an attempt by "Ussukuma's" crews to scuttle the liner, she may be salved and taken as prize to port.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT OVER THAMES ESTUARY?

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Unidentified aircraft flew at a high altitude over the Thames Estuary early this morning.

No air-raid warning was given.

After the searchlights found the two planes, they were seen to swoop low over the sea disappearing in a north-easterly direction.—Reuter.

German 'Plane Over Orkneys

LONDON, Dec. 6.

An airraid warning was sounded in Orkneys early to-day and all-clear half an hour later.

A German plane was heard flying overhead.—Reuter.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 6.

His Excellency Sir Harry Haig bade farewell to prominent officials and non-officials who called at Government House this evening and later left by special train at 5 p.m. for Mahableshwar accompanied by Lady Haig and an A.D.C. Captain Freeman.—A.P.

MAHATMA EXPOSES BRITISH PRETENSIONS

Imperial Spirit Not Dead, As Chamberlain Claims

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OR ANY AGREED EQUIVALENT IS TEST OF BRITAIN'S 'BONA FIDES'

WARDHA, Dec. 6.

"Mr. Chamberlain is reported to have said, "if Imperialism means the assertion of racial superiority, suppression of political and economic freedom of other peoples, the exploitation of the resources of other countries for the benefit of Imperialist country, then I say these are not the characteristics of this country. This is pleasing to the ear, but does not square with facts. The policy adopted in Kenya, the Clove business in Zanzibar, the Ottawa Pact, not to speak of the Dominions which exploit the so-called uncivilized races of the earth do not show, as if the Imperial spirit was dead," declares Mahatma Gandhi in a cabled statement to the "News Chronicle."

Continuing Gandhiji asks, "Coming nearer home, is paramountcy over Indian princes consistent with even elementary democracy, let alone the death of Imperialism? **The Princes are made and unmade not for India's good. Millions of Indians remain under undiluted autocracy by reason of the paramountcy.**

Also I fail to see why Britain's intention about India should be dependent upon Muslim, Hindu or any other opinion. The only opinion that counts is India's opinion, not even the Congress opinion. India's opinion can only be ascertained by the free vote of her people. The only true and democratic method is to ascertain their will through adult suffrage or any agreed equivalent.

So far as the Congress is concerned, the people of the Princes of India should be represented precisely on the same footing as those of British India. Muslim and other accepted minorities may be represented by a separate electorate if necessary, and in the exact proportion of their numbers. They will determine what is required for their protection. In all matters of common interest, a composite majority decision should prevail.

If a better way than the Constituent Assembly can be found for knowing the will of the people, so far as I know, the Congress will accept it without hesitation.

Neither the size of the country nor the illiteracy of the masses should be a bar against adult suffrage.

An election campaign will itself be sufficient education for the purpose of broadly knowing the popular will. The declaration of the British Policy about India is a purely moral issue, for freedom-loving India has neither the will nor the capacity to resort to an armed revolt. Nevertheless, it is her right to know Britain's will about her.

I am aware that Britain can have men and money from India treated as her dependency, but she can get moral weight on her side only from an India conscious of her freedom. I am anxious as a friend of Britain, bound by many personal ties, that she should come out victorious, not because of superiority in the use of arms, but because of her will to be just all along the line. She will then have the true friendship and sympathy of millions of people all over the world who have become sick of the wanton waste of precious life, and of the palpable lies disseminated to sustain greed and hunger for dominion."—A.P.

"News Chronicle" On Prospect Of Indo-British Settlement

LONDON, Dec. 6.

"The News Chronicle" in a Leader on a message from Gandhiji dated December 4 says "the friendly tone and content of the message suggests that Gandhiji has not lost hope of a satisfactory settlement between Britain and India. Few things would give Britain greater satisfaction than a settlement which opened the way to Indian National aspirations. For, the freedom we are defending in this war is freedom which the races and peoples of India are seeking. The problem is solely finding the proper machinery to bring it about.—Reuter.

GENTLE FEELER FOR CONGRESS

Delhi Reaction To Suggestions Made By London 'Times'

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6.

Interest to an unusual degree has been aroused by the leading article in the "Times."

It is generally regarded as indicating lines on which the British Government's mind is now moving. Political circles in New Delhi have not been slow to recognise that it is probably a gentle feeler in anticipation of what the Viceroy is expected to say in his forthcoming Calcutta speech. Its value lies in the fact that it attempts for the first time a constructive approach to the Indian problem and urges unequivocally that "effort must still be made to overcome them (difficulties)."

The article is interpreted here as an invitation to the Congress to accept Dominion Status as India's constitutional status after the war and find some basis of agreement with the minorities in order to create a proper environment and show willingness to discuss reservations. If this represents the Government's mind it raises interesting possibilities as regards the prospects of settlement between the Congress and the Government.

Gandhiji's recent writings are being quoted to show that Dominion Status can be defined in terms which will assure substance of Independence.

It is also pointed out in political circles that neither the question of declaration regarding India's constitutional status nor the proposal for a Constituent Assembly can now be ruled out because of possible, future difficulties due to political differences of communal disunity. These are described as mere matters of detail and procedure which are not relevant to reach issue at this stage.

There is a hopeful feeling that a suitable formula can be devised which will meet these difficulties —particularly in view of what Gandhiji has said about Dominion Status and of assurance given to minorities that decisions in matters affecting them will be taken in the Constituent Assembly by agreement and not by a majority vote.

It is believed here that Government will carefully watch reactions in this country to the comment in the London "Times" and see to what extent it facilitates fresh approach to the problem.

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MORARJI MULRAJ KHATAU.
For Self & Co-Trustees,
Seth Mulraj Khatau Trust Estates.
12557.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE with By-law No. 1 of Section IV of the College By-laws, it is hereby notified, for information, that a meeting of the Fellows of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay will be held at the College at 5-45 p.m. on Friday the 12th January 1940, for the election of three members of the College Council.

D. K. BHARUCHA.
Secretary.
Bombay, 7th December, 1939.
1516.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT
(Works Branch).

NOTICE

TENDERS for the supply of—
(1) about 900 tons of Hot Asphalt of 30/40 penetration for surface dressing and semi-grouting of roads;
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Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender.

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In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK.
City Engineer.
City Engineer's Department
(Works Branch)
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 4-12-1939.
1522.

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

GENTLEMEN of the SPECIAL JURY, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court on THURSDAY, the 7th December, 1939, at 10-45 A.M. (S.T.).

PHIROZE C. BHARUCHA.
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 6th December, 1939.
(1526)

NOTICE.

THE BHURTPORE PRESS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th December, 1939, to 28th December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
PREMJI OOKERDA & Co.,
Secretaries & Agents.
Bombay, 1st December, 1939.
(1524)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS, in duplicate, in the prescribed form, are invited for the post of Director of the Deccan College Post-Graduate & Research Institute, on a salary of Rs. 500 p.m. and free unfurnished quarters. The appointment will in the first instance, be for a term of five years and the incumbent will be entitled to the benefits of the Provident Fund, if his services are confirmed after the probationary period of one year.

The applicant must have high academic qualifications & sufficient research & teaching experience and must possess special research qualifications in one of the following subjects:—
(i) Indian History—Ancient Mediaeval & Maratha.
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(iii) Sanskrit Literature (preferably Vedic).

Applications should reach the undersigned on or before the 10th February, 1940.

The Director, when appointed, will be expected to join his duties on 15th March and will have to work as a Professor in one of the Departments of the Institute, in addition to his own duties as Director.

Forms of application can be had from the Registrar of the Institute.

R. P. MASANI,
Chairman,
Council of the
Deccan College Post-Graduate & Research Institute.
Poona, 5th December, 1939.
1520.

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1063 of 1939.

CHIMJEE THAKARSEE ..... Plaintiff.
vs.
THE PIONEER FIBRE CO. ..... Defendants.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a Warrant of sale of immovable property, dated the 6th day of November, 1939, the Sheriff has been directed to sell by Public Auction at the instance of the plaintiff all the right, title and interest of the defendants in the tenements, buildings, outhouses, godowns, watchman's shed standing on the land situate at Furgusson Road, Lower Parel, Bombay, admeasuring 716 7/8 square yards or thereabouts and bearing with other land Collector's New No. B 12114 and New Survey No. 1/2813 and 1/2314 bearing C. S. No. 149 (part) of Lower Parel Division and Municipal G Ward (South) No. 2099 (4) and Street No. 1096 (e).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having rights in or charges or claims on the above-named property other than claims involving an objection to the attachment or seeking the removal of the same) that they should on or before the 8th day of January, 1940, lodge in my Office an affidavit verified by oath or solemn affirmation of such rights, claims or charges.

Dated this 24th day of November 1939.

(Sd.) G. R. KHAIRAZ.
Commissioner.
1521.

Public Notices

NOTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BOMBAY.

No. 17667/151-Imp.

With reference to the Commissioner of Police's notification No. 15498/151-Imp., dated the 11th October, 1939, and in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (Bom. IV of 1902), the Commissioner of Police has issued the following new rule:—

69. All cycles ridden or wheeled in any street or public place shall have the rear portion of the rear mudguard painted white over a space of nine inches from the end of the mudguard upwards so as to be easily visible from a reasonable distance at night, by following traffic.

W. R. G. SMITH,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office, Bombay,
22nd November, 1939.
(1522)

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On Wed. 13th at 1-15 p.m.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Having lost his balance while plucking leaves from a tree at Matunga Labour camp on Tuesday, Josiph Gangaram fell down and died on the spot.

A verdict of death due to fracture of the base of skull accidentally sustained in a fall was recorded by the jury at the inquest held on his body.

While returning from Dana Bunder where he had gone to see the building of Fire on Tuesday, Shanker Mahadev (22) was knocked down by a Motor lorry with the result that he sustained fatal injuries. He died instantaneously.

The city coroner's jury recorded a verdict of death due to accidental cause at the inquest held on his body to-day.

At the inquest held on the body of Isashi who was found lying in a semi-conscious condition at Lamington Road on November 28, and who succumbed to his injuries in the J. J. Hospital on Monday, the city coroner's jury returned a verdict of death due to head injuries accidentally sustained under a passing victoria.

RECORDS AND 'PHONE SIEZED: THREE MEN ARRESTED ON GAMBLING CHARGE

On receipt of certain information Deputy Commissioner N. M. Kamte instructed Sub-Inspector A. H. Ismail Ali of the Anti-Gambling Squad to raid some premises in Princess Street Section.

The raid was carried out at 11-30 p.m. last night by Sub-Inspector Ismail on the room occupied by Hashmukhlal S. Patil, situated in Parshottam Nivas, at Thakordwar Road. Three persons were arrested.

Money and innumerable sutta records along with as telephone it is alleged, were seized by the police.

All the accused were placed today before Mr. T. M. Barot, fourth Additional Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court, and remanded till 13th December for further investigation.

Gama At Indore

INDORE, Dec. 5.

Gama, Kalekhan and other wrestlers of international fame have arrived here to pay their respects to His Highness Sir Tukoji Rao Holkar, ex-Maharaja of Indore.

They will await the return of the ex-Ruler, who is at present at Bombay.

Meanwhile bouts have been arranged between the visitors and local wrestlers.—United Press.

REGAL At 4, 6-30 & 10 P. M.
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Gross Libel Of Indian Mercantile Community

UNFAIR CRITICISM OF BULLION BROKERS

(From a Special Correspondent.)

It is a pity that the British papers and the vested interests of British trade have made a capital of the sudden spurt in the prices of the precious metals. The "News Chronicle", as reported by Reuter, says that:

"On Friday, orders from India representing some 10,000,000 ounzes were refused, said the City Editor of the "News Chronicle" who points out that the Government of India have been selling in London for delivery at the Bombay Mint, the reason "being that thus Government have security of selling through firms of great solidity and international reputation. In other words, Government will get their money even if the speculative bubble in Bombay bursts and involves some firms there in serious difficulty."

This is a gross libel of the bullion dealers in India as regards their integrity. Since over 75 years as well as in recent years the bullion merchants have always liquidated their obligations both of sales and purchases of gold and silver though the markets have moved from about Rs. 21 to 42, a difference of 100 per cent in gold and from 37d. to 14d. in price of silver, a range much wider than 100 per cent. Which of the British brokers or the so-called London bullion market has lost money in India? We have facts before us that even in recent times Bullion people have cheerfully met their obligations even before due dates without any deduction by way of interest and in return they have been grossly libelled by the British Press mentioned above, wrongly comparing their standing and integrity with the vested interests of the London market who have been always specially patronised at the expense of this country. The benefits reaped by Great Britain by the distress gold exports from this country is fresh in the minds of all right-thinking persons. The critical situation of Great Britain during September 1931 is still fresh in the living memory of economists and others. The going off the Gold Standard by Great Britain, followed by most of the other European countries, including America is still there and the consequent prosperity of Europe and exports of distress gold of India are facts which do not require elucidation and on the top of it the British Press has the temerity to libel the mercantile community whose moneys have swelled their coffers and accomplished their prosperity. It is high time that the British mercantile community and the British Press realised that India of 1940 is not the India of 1857 or of 1912/13, nor that of immediate post-war period.

The salt of this country should make these London capitalists realise that their hoodwinking methods will not do in these times and that nothing short of a withdrawal of the libel must be demanded by all self-respecting Indians and public bodies, including members of the Bullion Exchange.

AN APOLOGIA

One of the London bullion brokers came out with an 'Apologia' that of technical error, as reported by Reuter, "London bullion circles reported yesterday a further heavy turnover in Bombay mint silver at yesterday's fixing.

"In connection with last Friday's decision not to execute similar orders, a leading bullion broker emphasises that this was due to technical considerations and it was regrettable that the Indian market should have interpreted it differently.

"It is stressed that under more normal conditions, orders through this market for Bombay mint silver can be fulfilled within one week, but last Friday's demand was so vast that deliveries would have been impossible under nearly three weeks, representing a risk which this market, under present conditions was not prepared to accept unless, contrary to the usual practice, bank credits accompanied the orders—Reuters," but again the behaviour of the London brokers has been the same as on last Friday.

It is high time that the business community seriously considered the situation in their own interests and stopped such exploitation and degrading treatment by London vested interests.

FOUR VOLUNTEERS FOR INDIAN AIR FORCE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 5.

One European and three Indians, who were selected by the Bengal Flying Club as volunteers for the Indian Air Force Reserve, left for Ambala to-day. They would receive a short military training there, after which they will be absorbed in the Air Force Volunteers Reserve.

All these four persons have previous training and hold 'A' licence. The selection of eight untrained men has not yet been completed. It will be recalled that the Bengal Flying Club has been asked by the Government to select 12 candidates for training as pilots. —United Press.

ARRESTS IN BIHTA SUGAR MILL

PATNA, Dec. 5.

Seventy-four arrests were made this morning at the South Bihar Sugar Mills, Bihta, according to a report received here.

The arrests are understood to have been made in connection with the strike that is continuing there from day before yesterday. —United Press.

C. I. States' People's Conference Executive

KHANDWA, Dec. 6.

The "United Press" understands that in pursuance of the instructions of Acharya Narendra Deo, President of the Central India States' People's Conference, a meeting of the Working Committee of the Conference will be held here in January next after the meeting of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference.—United Press.

Tagore To Open Food Exposition

CALCUTTA, Dec. 6.

Dr. Rabindranath Tagore will open the first All-India Food and Nutrition Exposition at the Commercial Museum on December 15 next. The exposition was originally fixed to be opened on December 8, but it has been postponed till December 15 to suit the convenience of the Poet.—United Press.

PATIALA BAN ON KISANS

LAHORE, Dec. 6.

Orders under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting the entry or assembly of more than four persons on eight roads leading to the residence of the Resident of the Punjab States were served to-day on the Kisans of the Patiala State who had come here to seek interview with the Resident for redress of their grievances.

Sardar Kishen Singh, leader of the Kishan Jatha, declares that he has no intention to disobey the orders and has directed the Kisans to disperse. Accordingly most of them have left for their respective places.—United Press.

Nizam's Agent For Berar

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 4.

I reliably understand that Sir Mutta Venkat Subha Rao, Agent at Berar will leave for Nagpur during January next along with his staff. Prior to his reaching Nagpur Sir Mutta might proceed to Madras for a shortwhile.

POLICE CHECK PROFITEERING

Merchants Close Their Shops

(From Our Correspondent.)

FATEHGARH, Dec. 4.

The city grain market suddenly closed yesterday at about mid-day and wild rumours went round the city that the 'Market has been looted'. This caused panic in the city. This was simply due to the fact that the police had intervened and had objected to the selling of wheat and other corn at the rate at which it was being sold that day and the merchants closed their shops in protest.

The District Magistrate, tactfully handled the situation. He called the merchants and frankly told them that they would not be allowed to 'Loot the People'. He also assured the shopkeepers that list of rates would be soon prepared at which they would be required to sell the grain. The shops opened in the evening.

Price Control In Bihar

PATNA, (By Mail.)

In the course of a Press Note the Director of Information Government of Bihar says:—

District Officers have not relaxed their scrutiny of the course of retail prices. The prices of important and essential commodities are being fixed, published and reported to Government every week, and other prices every month. If these prices are exceeded, it is the duty of the public to bring such cases immediately to the notice of the district authorities.

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1 Ever since Molly enthused about her air-holiday I'd meant to try out this flying business myself. So when John cabled that he would be arriving ahead of schedule I simply leapt at the chance, and booked a seat aboard TATA'S plane.



2 My dear, it was thrilling! And yet there was no hustle, or bother or fuss. None of the usual frantic booking of luggage, or bickering with porters and people. Everything went without a hitch until we were away into the blue, dead on time.



3 A comfy chair, a cool airy cabin, and a window at my elbow to gaze down at the everchanging scenery below—could travelling conditions be more ideal? And the final touch—lovely refreshments served us at airports—free of charge, too!



4 John could hardly believe it WAS me when I met him. When I mentioned flying, he muttered something about 'expenses' and 'royalty'. So I listed my expenses to prove that it had not cost me any more to FLY, while it had saved DAYS and was heaps more comfortable. The poor dear was so impressed that he decided to fly back with me, so now there are TWO air-travel converts in our family!

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-00
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17 30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15
Deccan Queen (on Fridays only)		17-15
Deccan Queen (on Mondays only)	10-35	

B. B. and C. I. Railway

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18 06
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Moday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

	Arr.
Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London	8.40

On The Air

THURSDAY, 7TH DEC.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Mahiya on Sarinda by Irshad Ali. 5-5 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-10 Lachhi Ram. 5-30 P. S. Mukerjee, Sarod recital. 5-40 Violin recital. 6-15 Majeedanbai. 6-30 For Villagers. 7-15 Fifty Years ago, 5, a feature sketch in Hindustani. 7-35 Master Hashmat. 7-50 Kumari Ashima Bannerjee. 8 Educating India. 8. 8-15 Violin recital by Husn Lal. 8 30 Asad Ali Khan. 8-50 Sut Mind. 10 For Highbrows only.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 6-15 As in Delhi 1. 6-15 Master Hashmat. 6-30 Asad Ali Khan. 6-45 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 6-55 Majeedanbai. 7-15 to 7-35 As in Delhi 1. 7-35 Lachhi Ram. 7-50 Husn Lal. 8 to 10 As in Delhi 1. 10 Light lyrics.

Delhi III—Programme

31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s)

6-10 to 7 and 10 to 10-30 p.m. As in Delhi 1.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the Countryside. 7 Santu Khan Qawwal and Party. 7-15 Children's programme. 7-45 Kumari Shakuntala Deshpande: Classical music. 7-55 Multani Kafi on the Sarangi by Haidar Bakhsh. 8 Naseem Begam of Kashmir. 7-15 The Pedagogue's Psychology, 5, talk. 8-30 Rasheeda Begam of Amritsar. 8-50 Santu Khan Qawwal and Party. 9-50 Listeners' Requests.

Bombay—I Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 Sarinda Solo. 8.15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Film music. 8 40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Gat in Todi. 9-10 Jafar Qawwal. 9-25 E. G. Pargaonkar. 9-45 S. H. Qureshi. 9-55 The A I R Chorus.

12-30 p.m. Ladies Compartment. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Three Ghazals. 1-10 Mutual Understanding, lesson in English and Hindustani. 1 25 Rajen Sirkar. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 Gujarati Literature, 1, a talk. 2-50 Gujarati Bhavgeets. 3 An Aside, a talk. 3 Light selection. 3-25 News in Marathi. 3-30 News in Gujarati. 3-35 Geets. 3-50 Bhajans. 4 News in English. 4-5 News in Hindustani. 4-10 Three Thumries. 4-20 Readings from Marathi Books. 4-30 Jafar Qawwal. 4-45 S. H. Qureshi. 4 55 E. G. Pargaonkar. 7-15 Ap ka Khat Mila. 7-30 Jafar Qawwal. 7-45 The A I R Trio. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 Shyamala Mazgaonkar. 8-55 Talk of the Town. 9 News in Hindustani. 8-20 News in English, followed by a relay of the B B C news bulletin. 9-45 Alec Siqueira and his Dance Band. 10 Antaher Lobo: Guitar. 10-10 Alec Siqueira and his Orchestra. 10-30 Late news. Close down.

Bombay—II Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. to 8-25 As in Bombay 1. 8-25 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8-35 Gujri Todi. 8-40 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Shyamala Mazgaonkar. 9-30 Azmat Husain. 10 Close down.

12-30 p.m. to 5-15 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 6-10 As in Bombay 1. 6 10 Shridharrao of Goa. 6-20 S. H. Qureshi. 6-30 Shyamala Mazgaonkar. 7 An Experience in the Jungle, talk in Marathi. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Bombay 1. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 E. G Pargaonkar. 7-55 to 8-30 As in Bombay 1. 8-30 Counts for Your Character, 4. 8-45 Azmat Husain. 9 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 9 30 Azmat Husain. 9-45 Share Bazar, a Gujarati play. 10-30 Late news. Close down.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-5 Learn to sing. 5-20 T. P. Ramakrishnan: Vocal. 5-5 For Villages. 5-45 Seithur Sundaresa Bhattar: Violin. 7-15 Design for Living, 1, talk. 7-30 Announcements. 7-50 Govinda Aiyangar: Veena. 8-30 Shrimati K. Kochammani: Vocal. 9-45 Govinda Aiyangar: Veena.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

5 p.m. For the Countryside. 5-45 For the Countryside (Contd.) 6-10 Satyendra Nath Sen. 6-25 Madhusudan Dey. 6-40 Nanidulal Mukherjee. 6-55 Gouri Das Gupta. 7-10 Gopendra Mohon Mallick. 7-25 Mohammad Hossain. 7-45 Indubala. 8-5 Music. 8 20 Indubala. 9 Books, review by Beryl Harding. 9-45 Kartick Ch. Das. 10 Jiten Das Gupta. 10-10 Kuroram Bannerjee.

Calcutta II—Programme

51.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 9-35 As in Calcutta. 1. 9-30 In Birthday Commemoration of Mascagni. 9-50 Piano Ensemble. 10 Edgar Cleaver and his Band.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

5-10 p.m. Badruddin and Party. 5-25 Mannabai of Allahabad. 5-50 Hamara Panchayet ghar, for rural areas. 7 Recitation from World Poetry: Arabian. 7-10 Mannabai of Allahabad. 7-23 K. K. Seth. 7-30 Badruddin and Party. 7-45 Famous Poems, 7-55 Mannabai of Alishabad. 8 Appraising our music, 3, a talk in Hindustani. 8-15 Badruddin and Party. 8-20 The Moonshine Theatrical Co. of Kathgodam presents a comedy. 8-50 Request Song. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Plays Yesterday and To day, 3, talk. 10-5 Mannabai. 10-15 Us Par, musical feature.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Children's Educational Broadcasts. 4-3 Things of Interest (Tamil). 4-5 Our Dumb Friends, talk in Tamil. 4-15 Short story in Tamil. 4-20 Light songs in Tamil. 4-30 Rustic Idyll. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 P. Narayanaswami Pillai: Voice, 6-5 T. V. Namasivayam: Voice. 6-30 A. K. Subba Rao: Flute. 6-45 Malayalam Feature. 7 On Clothes, a talk in Telugu. 7-50 P. Narayana swami Pillai. 8-20 A. K. Subba Rao: Flute. 9 Canker, 5: Music, talk.

Madras II—Programme

50.98 metres (4,920 kc/s).

5 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For Rural Areas Only, talk in Telugu. 6-15 Listeners' Forum. 6-25 A song selection. 6-45 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 T. V. Namasivayam: Voice. 10 A. K. Subba Rao: Flute.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

5 30 p.m. Madhu Rao, music. 5-50 Iftekhar Ahmed, songs. 6 to 6-30 For Children (Urdu). 6-30 Orchestra, Megh Ranjani. 6-40 Bharatpuri, songs. 7-10 "New Publications" (U) by Dr. M. Qadri Zore. 7-25 Madhu Rao, songs. 7-50 I. Ahmed, songs. 8-30 Recorded music. 8-45 N. Bharatpuri, songs. 9-05 Madhu Rao, music. 9-25 I. Ahmed, songs. 9-35 N. Bharatpuri, songs.

Java Programme

(17,19, 21m.)

16-00 Eagles Nest. 18-00 English organists. 18-58 Fred Feibel's quartet. 19-4 Nirom orchestra.

Reduction Of Fifty Per Cent In Cotton Export Subsidy

TEMPORARY DEPRESSING EFFECT

Large Sales And Big Consumption

BOMBAY, December 6.

The American Government has reduced the cotton export subsidy by about 50 per cent. and this is expected to have temporarily bearish effects on New York cotton prices.

Already large export sales are reported and with big cotton consumption, the ultimate effect will be bullish as the annual requirement is greater than this year's cotton production.

Secretary Wallace has announced that the rate of Government subsidy payments for cotton will be reduced by half effective from midnight to-night. The rate will be 3/4 of a cent per pound instead of 1 1/2 cents. It is reported that subsidies at the higher rate have thus far covered 4,344,000 bales requiring an expenditure of more than 30 millions at the higher rate. The reduction to be an effort to prolong the programme, inasmuch as Congress has supplied only thirty six millions.

There is another aspect to the situation. The European war has entirely changed prices of cotton in international markets. American cotton prices in comparison to foreign growths are cheaper and there is now slow but steady replacement. This year's American cotton crop being smaller than annual requirements. Naturally there is no need for any help to maintain the price structure.

The New York cotton market was moderately active but irregular with sentiment influenced by reports that the ocean freight situation has been considerably relieved, the strength outside markets and smallness of loan releases. The market opened steady. After early hesitancy prices advanced on Spot House buying of May against sales in Liverpool. Persistent price-fixing and covering in December encountered limited offerings but later prices reacted partially under increased hedging and realising. The session closed steady.

At the opening December was quoted unchanged at 10.12 and declined to 10.10 which was the lowest level. Later on it advanced to 10.23 which was the highest level but again reacted and the market closed at a net rise of 2 points to a decline of 4 points. Spot cotton prices improved 2 points at 10.35c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady and closed unchanged to 7 points up. Spot cottou prices closed unchanged at 9.97c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of 4 points with January 7.41. There was hedging, profit-taking which met speculative buying on high shipping costs and straddle buying against Uppers. Later prices declined on local liquidation in sympathy with easier Bombay and persistent hedging. The market closed one point down to 2 points up. Middling American Spot cottou prices declined 2 points at 7.90d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Uppers futures advanced 7 to 3 points and Giza futures closed 2 points up. The Alexandria cotton market was irregular. Sakels futures advanced 15 to 13 points but Ashmouni futures declined 8 points.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York December highest (12-14 p.m.) ..... 10.25—11

New York December lowest (10-7 a.m.) ..... 10.10—02

Liverpool January highest ..... 7.55+10

Liverpool January lowest ..... 7.41—04

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Export subsidy reduced from 1 1/2 cent to 3/4 cent. Our market may decline some but think only temporarily as export sales already effected plus estimated domestic consumption will exceed this season's production more than five hundred thousand which must be obtained from 1938 loan cotton indicating Spring and Summer months eventually above ten cents.

NEW YORK COTTON

New Contracts

	New York, Dec 6
December	10.34+03
January	10.27—19
March	10.06—01
May	9.74—01
July	9.45+02
October	8.78—04

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Dec 6
December	10.14+02
January	10.07—01
March	9.86—01
May	9.55—01
July	9.25+02
October	8.78—04
Middling Spot	10.33+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

	New York, Dec 6
December	10.27+07
January	10.18+02
March	9.97
Middling Spot	9.97

NEW YORK

	New York, Dec 6 11 a.m. rates	Noon call
December	10.14/10.14	10.19
March	9.86/9.86	9.90
May	9 55/9.55	9.60

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

	New York, Dec 6 Bales.
Day's receipt at all U S Ports	32,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	4,000
Day's exports to the Continent	15,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	9,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

	Liverpool, Dec 6
December	7.45—01
January	7.44—01
February	7.44
March	7.44
April	7.42
May	7.40
June	7.38
July	7.37+01
August	7.31+02
September	7.24+03
October	7.18+02
Middling Spot	7.90—02
	11-12 a.m. quotations
January	7.41
March	7.41

SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY IN JAVA AND INDIAN SUGAR.

BOMBAY, Dec. 6.

JAVA SUGAR.

Since our last review, local market for Java sugar showed an upward tendency and as bullish feeling again continued to be prominent. On the whole there was a sharp advance of about Rs. 2 to Rs. 2/4 in ready and Rs. 1/4 to Rs. 1/6 per cwt. in December/March, the main factors being the rising trend of other commodities markets, sharp advance in Nivas limit and further big rise in Indian sugars in Cawnpore market which incited bullish speculative activity. During the latter part df the week market however showed a reactionary tendency and prices immediately declined by Rs. 1/4 in ready and 8 annas in forward shipments from the highest touched on 2nd instant on report from Calcutta on 4th instant that the Indian Sugar Syndicate had decided upon the fixation of the basic prices for this season which he understood to be about Rs. 12 to Rs. 12/8 F.O.R. Factories. Java market in the meantime ruled very firm and Uivas was able to dispose of the balance of White of 1939 crop estimated at 35,000 tons. It was reported that during the week some important purchases were made by the Indian Import Houses in Java for shipments during January/March 1940 on the basis of Rs. 11/4, to Rs. 12 per cwt. C.I.F. Bombay but further business was checked owing to further advance in Java prices. At the close, tone of the market was quiet owing to pressure of sales by the weakholders.

INDIAN SUGAR.

During the week, there was a sharp rise in prices of Indian sugar both in ready as well as in forward deliveries which reached new high levels after some years. On the whole there was an alround advance of about Rs. 2 per md. with scarcity of sellers. The rising trend of other commodities, continuation of uncertainty over selling policy of the Indian Sugar Syndicate and sharp rise in Java sugar were the principal factors which incited bullish speculative activity in the local market resulting in large business in Calcutta and Cawnpore. During the latter part of the week, the local market however showed easier tendency with a decline of about Re 1 per md. from the highest touched on 2nd inst. the main factors being fixing of the basic prices by the Indian Sugar Syndicate permitting sales upto 20th January 1940 for the sugar manufactured upto 15-1-1940. The sales are to be one anna above the basic rates which will be determined and communicated to the Members on receipt of the samples from the Factaries. During the week, some important purchases were made by the dealers in Cawnpore and Calcutta while there was fairly big turnover between dealers at current rates. At the close tone of the market was uncertain in absence of exact prices at which Mills will be permitted to sell their products.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

In New York Terminal market there was an alround advance of 5 points. Java market was reported to be strong and the Nivas is reported to have sold 35,000 tons Whites being the balance of 1939 cropat 10.65 to 10.90 Glds First Coast. It is understood that some important sales were made by Java Exporters for India at increasing limits and at the close prices in Java were about 1 shilling higher as compared with the opening prices.

CALCUTTA AND KARACHI.

Both Calcutta and Karachi markets following the bullish reports from other markets showed an upward trend which resulted in large speculative business mainly in Indian sugar in Calcutta at about 2 to 3 Rupees higher than the beginning of the last week. At the close, both markets were reported to be easier on reportt about the meeting of the Syndicate on 4th inst. fixing the basic prices of Indian sugars and releasing selling quota for production upto 15th Jan. 1940. Tone was uncertain.

GENERAL.

Local market for Java sugar after the recent sharp decline is likely to improve again as the general sentiment is very bullish and holders are firm. Much will however depend on the movement of the Indian sugar markets which are at the moment subject to wide fluctuations on account of speculative activity both in Java and Indian sugars.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec 6

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. London Paris Exchange rate was 176 to 177. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 to 4.04 in London and 3.90 in New York. London Spot silver prices declined 1/8 at 23 3/6d. and forward also was reduced 1/8 at 23 9/16d. There was little speculative selling and the market was quietly steady. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents per ounce. Shanghai T T on London was quoted 4 1/4d. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 61-6-6 and forward was Rs. 61-13-3. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 26-14-0. The local market was weak to day on increased selling and silver after opening at Rs. 64-4 declined to Rs. 63-4. There was utter absence of demand. Gold was also quiet and quotations were as under:

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 41 12 6	63 10 0
Magsar	42 0 6	63 14 0
Posh	42 2 0	65 0 0

LONDON SILVER

	London, Dec 6
Spot	23 2/8
Forward	23 9/16

LONDON GOLD

	London, Dec 6
Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Dec 6

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:

Ready (small grain)	Rs. 20 4 0
Ready (large grain)	20 6 0
Shipment November F B H	11 5 0
Shipment December F B H	11 7 0
Shipment Jan-Feb-March F B H	11 10 0
Indian sugars ready	19 12 0 to 20 4 0

Tone:—Quiet.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Dec 6

T T London on:—New York 4.02/4.04; Paris 176/177; Madrid 36.50; Montreal 4.03/4.47; Amsterdam 7.52/7.58; Brussels 24.15/24.40; Milan 76.75; Berne 17.80/17.95; Copenhagen 20.15; Stockholm 16.70/16.90; Oslo 17.50/17.70.

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec 6

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. sellers 11 3/8

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 6.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 91-12
3 1/2 per cent Q P Notes (Cash) 87-12
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-12
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 99-12
3 per cent 1963/65 86-2
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 99-4
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-10
4 per cent 1960/70 101-10
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 109-4
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan 102-2

TAXFREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-11
4 per cent 1953/62 Mysore Loan 103/1
5 per cent 1955 Mysore Loan 114

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 97
6 per cent M Deb 1958 106
6 per cent M Deb 1954 116
6 per cent K P T 1965 116

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, December 6

B C RATES—
T T D D 1/6 15/16 March

LONDON—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/6 31/32 to end March
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months.

NEW YORK—
Bank's selling T T 333 3/4
Bank's buying T T 330 1/2
Bank's buying D D 329 1/2

PARIS—
Bank's selling T T 1290
Bank's buying T T 1340

JAPAN—
Bank's selling T T 81 3/8
Bank's buying T T 80 3/8
Bank's buying 60 days 79 3/8

AMSTERDAM—
Bank's selling D D 85 1/4

JAVA—
Bank's selling D D 84 7/8

HONGKONG—
Bank's selling D D 84 1/4

SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling T T 27 1/2

SINGAPORE—
Bank's selling D D 107 3/4

BERLIN—
Bank's selling D D .....

CROSS RATE—
Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 6th inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 3/4 6th inst.
Japan London 1/2 17/32 6th inst.
Java London 7.46/56 6th inst.
New York London 3.90 3/8 6th inst.
London New York 4.02/4 6th inst.
London Paris 176/7 6th inst.
London Italy 76.75 5th inst.
London Belgium 24.15/40 6th inst.
London Switzerland 17.80/95 5th inst.
London Stockholm 16.70/90 5th inst.
London Amsterdam 7.52/58 5th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet
Gold £8-8-0 4th inst.
Gold £8-8-0 5th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 1/2 4th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 3/8 5th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 11/16 4th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 9/16 5th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 4th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 5th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 4th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 4th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 4th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 5th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 2 1/4 per cent.
6 months 2 per cent
Tone: Steady

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, December 6

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	122	0 0
Pepper ready Calicut per candy		121	0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy		119	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy		0	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F per cwt.		24	0 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt		29	0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		30	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt		0	0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt		0	0 0

COTTON TENDERS

	Bombay, To day	Dec 6 Total
Oomra D/J	600	800
Bengal D/J	150	300

COTTON PARITY

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

Broach April May below Liverpool May 74 points.

Broach April May above New York May 163 points.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec 6

Broach A/M highest 295 1/2 lowest 280 1/2 closing at 5-30 p.m. 280 1/2

Oomra D/J highest 266 lowest 247 1/2 closing at 5-30 p.m. 247 1/2

Oomra March highest 269 lowest 250 1/4 closing at 5-30 p.m. 250 1/4

Bengal D/J highest 209 lowest 201 closing at 5-30 p.m. 203

Bengal March highest 212 lowest 204 closing at 5-30 p.m. 208

Night session: Broach A/M opened Rs. 284, highest Rs. 287 1/2 lowest Rs. 277. closed Rs. 282 1/2

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Dec 5

Sakel January	17.43+15
Sakel March	17.30+15
Giza January	15.35—08
Giza March	15.76+05
Ashmouni December	14.34—08
Ashmouni February	14.54—08

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Dec 5

UPPERS—	
Spot	8.59+2
January	8.51+7
March	8.34+5
May	8.40+4
July	8.43+3
October	8.33+3
GIZA NO. 7:—	
Spot	8.90+1
January	8.52+2
March	8.58+2
May	8.82+1
July	8.90—0
October	8.84—0

American Cotton Figures

	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 5-12-39	3997000	2766000
Receipts yesterday 5-12-39	32000	17000
Exports to date 5-12-39	2481000	1721000
Stock at Ports 1-12-39	3182000	3143000
Stock at Interior Towns 1-12-39	3531000	3504000
Stock at Liverpool 1 12-39	....	....
Visible Supply 1-12-39	....	8998000
Quantity in sight 1-12-39	8117000	6601000
Quantity out of sight 1-12-39	....	4228000

LONDON SEEDS

London, Dec 5

South Australian 80/0

Active Realising In Share Bazar

COTTON AND STEEL SHARES DECLINE

Absence Of Professional Support

Bombay, Dec 6

"Market entitled to natural Reaction"—as anticipated yesterday, the action of the market to-day clearly proves that there was a reactionary feeling and prices during the middle of the session registered a sharp decline but towards the close there was scattered covering and prices recovered, few points from the low levels reached.

The drop in cotton prices and weakness in silver together with rumours of possible change in exchange ratio, there appeared active realising. The market being overbought and as a resnlt of continuous rise, the technical position of the market was weak and to maintain stability of the market, it was much needed in the interest of the market that there should be some realising which can adjust the market situation. Moreover the present prices were mainly due to sentimental reasons. Our industries are now decidedly in strong position but the working of the first seven months was not encouraging and while present prices leave improved margin profit, one can safely say that as read with near dividends prices are high. Thus the present levels discounts to some extent the improved outlook. Moreover the market will be influenced by Budget uncertainties and in view of X'mas Holidays, the activity may be reduced. There is possibility of some evening-up of operations as it will not be advisable to carry over large risks over annual holidays.

Yesterday Wall Street interests remained at a low ebb though prices improved moderately on a little buying on the theory that the market was oversold. However, profit-taking restricted gains mostly to fractions the market closing steady. In the meanwhile tax selling is indicating that any important setback from the market point of view is not expected at present. U. S. Steel shares closed 1/8 up at 66 and Anaconda Coppers closed 1/8 up at 30 3/8 and General Motors declined 1/8 at 52 5/8 dollars.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 2185 and after advancing to Rs. 2190 declined to Rs. 2132/8 and finally closed at Rs. 2165. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 415 and after declining to Rs. 405/8 closed at Rs. 410/8. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1195 and after advancing to Rs. 1210 declined to Rs 1172/8 Century shares closed at Rs. 387 and Nagpurs at Rs 371. Kohinoors closed at Rs. 416 and New Great at Rs. 480 Associated Cements closed at Rs. 148.

After the close of the market there was some selling and Defds were quoted around Rs 2140.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Dec 6

Bombay Dyeing (1195) 1190 1195 1180 1182 1170 1182 1170 1172
Century (398) 400 396 384 389 387
Central India (385) 385 380 381 375 377 370 375 371
Kohinoor (426) 429 432 417 418 411 418 416
New Great (493) 505 477 490 486 480
Simplex (133/8) 134 130 129/8
Swadeshi (364) 365 358 353 349 356 352
Associated Cement (150) 151 149 146/12 146/12 147 148
Andhra (1505) 1500
Tram Ord (135/8) 136 133/8
Tata Hydro (160/8) 160 158/8
Tata Power (1390) 1395 1380 1372 1377
Steel Defd (2182/8) 2190 2167 2185 2137 2162 2135 2165 2140 2185
T Steel Ord (415/8) 416 411 412 408 412 408 410/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (136) 138/4 136
Bellapur (283/8) 281 270 275 273
B Steam (340) 340 331
B Burma (722/8) 725 710 712 703 715 705

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Dec. 6.

100	Ahd. Advance	360	0
250	BOM. DYEING	1172	8
100	CENTURY	327	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	371	0
100	COLABA	233	0
100	Coorla	36	4
250	Davis	60	0
250	Dawn	310	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0-11-0	
100	Finlay	186	0
100	GOKAK	233	8
1000	Hindustan	2160	0
100	Indore	56	0
100	Khatau	156	4
100	KOHINOOR	416	0
250	Laxmi	845	0
250	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	215	0
250	Model	102	8
50	MYSORE	133	0
200	NEW GREAT	480	0
100	Oosmanshahi	51	0
100	PHOENIX	319	0
25	Sassoon Silk	91	8
1000	Sholapur	4025	0
50	SIMPLEX	199	8
100	SWADESHI	352	0
100	SWAN	122	0
500	Vishnu	1475	0
500	Western	915	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	97	0
25-100	Central	32	6
500	Imperial	1462	8
125-500	Imp. Conty.	357	8
50-100	India	135	0
100	Reserve Bank	102	8
5	Union	5	8

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	148	0

INSURANCE

100	Empire	625	0
15-100	Jupiter	9	8
20	Mercantile	50	0
15-75	New India	33	12
200	Oriental	3900	0
15-50	Vulcan	6	12

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	147	8
1000	ADHRA VALLEY	1500	0
10	Ajmer	11	0
50	BOMBAY TRAM	133	8
100	Bombay Suburban	165	0
10	Broach	11	8
100	Karachi	191	4
100	Poona	123	8
100	Surat	152	0
100	TATA HYDRO.	159	8
1000	TATA POWER	1377	8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	387	8
100	C. Province	83	0
100	Dh. Baramati	93	0
100	Gujarat	97	0
100	Mandra Bhon	93	0
100	Pachora Jamner	73	0
100	Sara Serajganj	97	8
500	Tapti Valley	765	0

MININGS

9	Burma Corp.	8	9
2sh.	Indian Copper	3	8
10	Indian Iron and Steel	45	12
10	SHIVRAJPUR	59	0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	2155	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	410	8

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	387	8
10	Air Services	6	0
20	BELAPUR SUGAR	273	8
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	591	4
250	BOMBAY STEAM	331	0
125	B. BURMA	705	0
50	B. BURMA CONTY.	233	12
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	9-12-6	
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	90	8
100	IND. BLEACHIN	144	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	50	8
100	Ind. Radio Def.	400	0
100	I. Radio Ord.	405	0
30	Port Canning	80	0
30	PREMIER CON.	90	0
15	Scindia	27	6
25	Tata Oil Mill	59	0
100	Western I. Match	156	4

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON ONE POINT DOWN

Active Trade Buying And Foreign Support

STEADY UNDERTONE IN LOCAL MARKETS

Bombay: December 6.

The New York Cotton Market was somewhat depressed in the early period, but as soon as the pressure subsided the trend reversed and prices gradually advanced on active trade buying and foreign support.

Liverpool Market was active and firm.

In the local Cotton Market the price moved both ways, and eventually the market closed steady at Rs. 235.

London Stock Exchange was quiet, but rather irregular. Gilt-edged securities did not attract much attention.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK

COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940.

New York: December 6.	
Previous closing	9.85
To-day opening	9.78
Difference	—6
To-day's closing	9.85
Difference	—1

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool: December 6.	
Previous closing	7.44
To-day's opening	7.58
Difference	+24
To-day's closing	7.64
Difference	+20
Broach April/May Expectation	Rs. 285.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: December 6.

The New York cotton market early became depressed by discouraging foreign advices, which resulted in considerable local and foreign selling, but later on the trend reversed on active trade buying and covering.

The trading in March began at 9.78, i.e. 8 points lower than the last closing. Prices declined on lower Liverpool cables and Bombay selling, but soon after the pressure had subsided prices gradually lifted on steady trade buying and foreign support with March rallying to 9.85.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay: December 6.

Locally Broach April/May opened to-night at Rs. 285/8 and thereafter advanced to Rs. 287. The rate again fell off to Rs. 285/8, but recovered and closed at Rs. 286.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: December 6.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

December (10.12/10.12) 10.11/10.10
March (9.86/9.86) 9.80/9.78
May (9.55/9.55) 9.51/9.48

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES

London: December 6.

Dundee December (£89) £89
Lightning December (£85) £85

SEEDS

Castorseeds December January (£22 quoted) £22 quoted.
Linseed Calcutta December January (£22 quoted) £22 quoted.
Linseed La Plata December January (£15 1/8 quoted) £15 1/2
Groundnuts Coromandal December January (£14 1/2 quoted) £14 1/2 quoted

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: December 6.

American January (7.55) 7.56
American March (7.54) 7.56
Giza January (8.60) 8.73
Giza March (8.77) 8.89

RUBBER

Spot (11 5/16 paid and buyers) 11 1/8 buyers.
Forward January/March (11 3/8 paid and value) 11 1/8 paid and buyers.

METALS

Tin (£230 quiet) £230 quoted
Glasgow Iron (111 sh.) 111 sh

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: December 7.

Previous closing	3.90
To day's opening	3.89 7/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: December 7.

Previous closing	4.02 to 4.04
To day's opening	4.02 to 4.04
To day's closing	4.02 to 4.04

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: December 7.

Previous closing	176 to 177
To-day's opening	176 to 177
To-day's closing	176 to 177

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: December 6.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.03 to 4.04 which is officially fixed rate.

France was officially fixed at 176 to 177

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13 23 3/4) 13.23 3/4
New York on Bombay (30.15) 30.14
London on Milan (76.75) 76.75
London on Shanghai (0-4 3/8 buyers; 0-4 3/4 sellers) 0-4 3/8 buyers; 0-4 3/4 sellers
London on Kobe (1 2 7/15 buyers; 1-2 17/32 sellers) 1-2 3/8 buyers; 1-2 15/32 sellers

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 3/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 3/16 to 1 1/4 per cent
4 months (1 3/16 per cent) 1 3/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/2 to 1 5/8 per cent) 1 1 to 1 5/8 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: December 6.

Wheat January	4 8 0
Wheat May	4 15 9
Linseed May	9 6 6
Groundnuts Febry.	45 12 6
Castorseeds May	60 4 0
Cottonseeds Jany.	29 2 6

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: December 6.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 53 3/4) dol 52 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 30 1/4) dol 30 5/8
U S Steel Common New York (dol 66 3/8) dol 66 3/4
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Silver 23 7/16d.
Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay: December 6.

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day:

Some speculative buying. Market quietly steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: December 6.

Spot (23 3/8d) 23 7/16d. +1/16
Forward (23 9/16d) 23 5/8d. +1/16

LONDON GOLD

London: December 6.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

Bombay: December 6.

Silver Ready	63 2 0
Silver Magshar	63 10 0
Silver Posh	64 6 0
Gold Ready	41 12 0
Gold Magshar	42 1 0
Gold Posh	42 5 6

3½ P.C. STERLING LOAN

London: December 6.

3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan closed today at £81 1/4.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: December 6.

5 per cent Indian Stock (£92 1/4) £92 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£81 1/4) £81 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£103 1/4) £103 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£104) £104
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£100) £100
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/59 (£94) £94

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£102 1/4) £102 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£67 3/4) £67 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£93) £93
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100 5/8) £100 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£105 5/8) £105 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£92 3/8) £92 3/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£105 1/8) £105 1/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-9) 51-10 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/4) dol 3 1/8
Elec. Music Industry (7-1 1/2) 7-1 1/8
Princhin Johnson (19-10 1/2) 19-10 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30 1 1/2) 30-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary (60-10 1/2) 61-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£26) £27
Dunlop Rubber (27-3) 27-4 1/2
Unilever Ordinary (30-4 1/2) 30-4 1/2
Ford Motors (14-0) 13-10 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£54 1/2) £55 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (91-3) 90-7 1/2
Carreas 'A' (£5 3/4) £5 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (116-3) 116-3
P and O Def. (22-0) 21-7 1/2
Distillers (65-4 1/2) 65
Bredfords Dye (4-9) 4-9
British Celanese (6-7 1/2) 6-9
J and P Coates Ordinary (28-4 1/2) 28-3
Courtaulds Ordinary (33-3) 34-5
Fine Cotton Spinners (4-9) 4-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (16-6) 16-6
Inter Nickel (47) dol 47
Indian Iron (66-10 1/2) 64-4 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (32-6) 32 b
Empire of India (22-9) 23-4 1/2

JUTE:

Barnagore (£11 3/4) £11 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber (27-9) 27-7 1/2
Gula Kelampong (20 7 1/2) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (32-9) 33-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (31-10 1/2) 31-10 1/2
Burma Corporation (12-4 1/2) 11-9
Rio Tintos (£14) £14 1/4
East Rand Properties (46 3) 46-3
Rand Mines (£7) £7

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14) £14
Associated Portland Cement (67-6) 67-6
Trinidad Leaseholds (75-3) 73-9
Sub Nigel (£10) £10 1/8
Spring Mines Spit Shares (24-4 1/2) 24-4 1/2
Union Corporation (£5 5/8) £5 5/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-1 1/2) 22-6
Anglo-Persian (56-3) 55
Burma Oil (61-10 1/2) 61-10 1/2
Mexican Eagle (6-7 1/2) 6-3
Shell Transport (80-7 1/2) 78-9
Royal Dutch (£31 3/4) £31

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£30 1/4) £32
London Midland Ordinary (£11 1/8) £12 1/4
London North Eastern Def. (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
London Southern Def. (£10 7/8) £11 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent (£110 1/2) £110 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£65) £66

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS

Bombay: December 6.

153 cases medicines; 3353 bales cotton; 81 bundles mats fibre; 32 cases toilet goods; 2625 bags copra; 353 pieces C I pipes; 200 pieces C I fittings; 547 bales gunny bags; 2000 packets soda ash; 60 cylinders cocoanut oil; 139 bags bolts and nuts; 1062 bags gum; 40 packages old scraps; 35 bales sheep skins; 370 drums polish, cloth, paint and roofing composition; 500 bags potatoes; 60 cases oranges; 50 cases jelly powder; 95 packages iron rose nails; 675 bags betelnut; 203 bags solid M extract; 143 packages structural steel; 50 bundles old empty gunnies; 1630 bales cloves; 44 packages camphor; 6202 bundles coir yarn; 3698 bundles coir rope; 172 bags dry ginger; 782 bags cocoanuts; 165 bales wool; 160 bundles soft wood buttons; 48 cases brass locks; 32 crates cotton wood boxes; 97 chests tea; 33 bags pepper; 945 pieces spelter; 592 coils Manila Rope; 1880 bags groundnuts; 48 bags bleached ginger; 160 cases gramophone goods; 815 bags Beri leaves; 294 pieces block tins; 300 bags borax; 1309 casks D B linseed oil; 100 bar reis carbide; 254 cases enamelware; 40 cases torch light bulbs; 28 cases elect fans; 75 bundles steel buffers; 167 cases printed tinned sheets; 843 pieces new rails; 84 bundles fish plates; 3550 pieces fire bricks; 220 bags fire clay; 76 packages iron nails; 36 cases sluice valves; 46 bundles surgical dressings; 11541 tons coal.

EXPORTS

500 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 305 bales hemp raw D Anandji; 216 bales wool raw Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 83 bales wool raw The Bombay Co Ltd; 204 bags old leather pickers Gokaldas and Sons; 21 bales d/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 146 bales cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 95 bales cotton twist waste G M Vyas and Co; 25 bales cotton twist waste Champaklal and Co; 1334 bags gr nut oil cake exp M Bhutu and Co; 275 tons scrap iron old The Niasho Co Ltd; 54 bundles lamb skin raw R Aminoff; 125 bales raw cotton N Rajaram and Co; 1250 bales raw cotton The Bombay Co Ltd; 400 bales raw cotton Birdy and Co, 225 bales raw cotton Podar Trading Co Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton Kotak and Co.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

Karachi: December 6.

To-day's closing quotations:—
Sind Cotton Jan. 28/3/6; Punjab Jan. 21/4; Desi American Jan. 3/1/3 sellers.
Wheat Jan. 33/13/9; March 33/10/3; July 35/2 sellers.
Gram Jan. 39/4; July 37/15.
Toria Feb. 49/6/6; March 50/11.
Cottonseed Jan. 25/2; March 25/12.

New Sheriff Of Bombay

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. Mathuradas Vissanji Khimji will be the Sheriff of Bombay for the coming year. He is expected to take over charge on December 20.

Mr. Khimji who is a prominent figure in the mercantile circles of Bombay was the representative of the Indian Merchants' Chamber in the Indian Legislative Assembly. He was for some time the President of the Merchants' Chamber and was also associated with the Bombay Board of the Harijan Sevak Sangh.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec 6

Much to the surprise of local bulls, the American Government reduced export subsidy by 50 per cent and the local market opened strong at Rs. 290 for Broach A/M delivery. But heavy sales by professional bulls resulted in a sharp decline to Rs. 280/8 and prices steadied at Rs. 285/8 with scattered buying. Later on there was cessation of buying and prices reacted to Rs. 284/8. The market was steady at this level. The undertone of the market was unsettled but professional bulls are liquidating holdings.

Prices again declined to Rs. 282/8 and before Liverpool opening Broach A/M stood at Rs. 284. Owing to reduction in subsidy, Liverpool market opened at a rise of 24 points. In the local market Broach A/M

The market closed at 5-30 p.m. as under: was quoted at Rs. 286/8.

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs.	288	0 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
Dec/January		254	0 0
March		266	8 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
Dec/January		205	0 0
March		209	0 0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Dec 6

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G:—					
Bengal U P		209	206	203	200
Punjab		209	206	203	200
Oomra No. 3	268	255	252	249	
C P No. 1	270	267	264	261	
C P No. 2	265	262	259	256	

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Dec 6

Bengal Fine 208-09 December +3 1/2 January —3

Punjab Fine 210-12 December +4 January +3 1/2

C P 1 268-74 December +15 January +12

C P 2 258-59 December +7 January +6

Berar 256 57 December +4 January +3

Khandesh 242-47 December —7 January —20

Jalna Sailu 242-45

Ahmednagar 240-44

Broach February +2 1/2

Punjab 4 F December +22/25

Punjab 289 F December +55/60

Sindh N T 327-33 December +42/48

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Dec 6

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full pressed bales	Yesterday	This year Since 1st Sept.	Last year Since 1st Sept.
Khandesh	271	4,888	5,485
Central India	74	8,477	39,811
Barsi and Nagar	845	23,145	6,909
Hyderabad Gaoran	85	3,045	336
Berar	1,054	30,306	23,296
Central Provinces	150	7,451	12,654
Total Oomras	2,479	77,312	88,091
Dholera		6,345	44,072
N W Provinces	22	14,908	386
Rajputana	178	6,158	5,236
Sind Punjab	2,370	106,289	58,774
Broach	45	244	11,408
Coompta and Dharwar	102	12,348	8,322
Westerns Northerns	71	10,074	8,322
Cocoanada			1
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		25	1,683
American		128	512
Egyptian, African and Sudan	1,361	107,482	107,366
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,247	6
Total	6,698	342,630	336,524
Arrived by road to 30th November 1939		27,500	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

1st Sept to 30th Nov

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe		1,258	20,943
Japan and China		331	197,114
Coast Ports		400	5,890
Up-country by Rail			96,959
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan			6,301
Total		1,989	328,007

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Dec 6

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	85	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	100	0 0

Tone:—Firm.

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Dec 6

Castorseeds May:—			
Opening	Rs.	60	4 0
Highest		61	8 0
Lowest		60	4 0
Closing		60	12 0
Groundnuts February:—			
Opening		47	0 0
Highest		47	1 0
Lowest		46	3 0
Closing		46	5 0
Cottonseed January:—			
Opening		29	5 0
Highest		29	13 0
Lowest		29	3 0
Closing		29	6 0

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Madras: December 6.

A slight reaction was noticeable in the local market on profit-taking in Jellicanoes issues. The market remained quiet. Cotton mills were unchanged. In Planting issues more selling was noticeable. A few of the Exchange transactions are as follows:—

Cambodias 11/4; Buckingham 338; Vasantas 105/12; Midland 5/8; Coorgs 29/12; Kalpettas 20/14 c d; Peermade 25/8; Vellianattam 19/4; Fringford 8/4; Vaikundam 8/8; Mysore Sugar 46/12; Deccan Sugar 223; Deccan Sugar 57; Travancore Sugar 14/2; Mysore Paper 16/6; Steel Rolling Mills 7/14; Madurai 37/8; Rajagiri 5/2.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

Ahmedabad, Dec 6

The following are closing quotations of share bazar:—

Ambika	Rs.	999	0 0
Calico		701	0 0
Gujarat Cotton		91	0 0
Jubili		305	0 0
Jupiter		139	0 0
Motilal Hirabhai		49	0 0
Marsdan		129	0 0
Monograme		86	0 0
Ordinary		410	0 0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec 6

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£65 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	60 1/2
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	81 1/4
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	103 1/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	67 3/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	93
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	92 3/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	105 5/8
Victory Bonds	105 1/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	3
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg	82
National Bank of India	28 1/2

BOMBAY YARN EXCHANGE

Bombay: December 5.

Yarn No.	December.	February.	April.
6 1/2s.	145	146	150
10 1/2s.	168	170	173
20 1/2s.	207	211	216
40s.	285	295	297

Our Readers' Views

PROFITEERING IN BOMBAY

Open Letter To Governor

Mr. B. F. Bharucha, writes:—

Your Excellency,—It is painful to address an open letter to a sympathic administrator. But duty demands it, and the present situation impels it; and hence this open letter.

Your Excellency, you are visiting schools and institutions; you are visiting cities and even villages. What about this very city, where thousands upon thousands are ground down from day to day by the profane profiteering that has been going on quite unchecked in Bombay?

Your Excellency, India grows Rice, Dal, Wheat, Seeds, Vegetables. There is abundance of Milk, Oil, Ghee, Spices, Sugar, etc. Rice is the only indispensable article of food-stuff, that is imported from Rangoon.

Why should prices of these Indian products shoot up so high? It is solely due to this heartless, shameless profiteering, which, I am grieved to say, your Government has signally failed to check.

According to the broadcast speech of the Hon'ble Mr. Morrison, Government in Great Britain

(1) Is buying her foodstuffs from abroad;

(2) Is arranging for its transport;

(3) Is stocking the foodstuffs;

(4) Is distributing it methodically;

(5) And is thus saving the British people from rank profiteering, and consequent famishing of families.

Your Excellency, what is your own Government doing in your own capital city?

(1) Has it appointed an independent and representative Control Board? No!

(2) Has it fixed the prices of foodstuffs for the pre-war period, that is 1st August? No. Or even for 1st September? No!

(3) Has it appointed Inspectors to go round the city, and detect, report and prosecute cases of Profiteering? No!

(4) Has it inflicted deterrent punishment to any Profiteer so far? No!

(5) Has it opened any cheap grain shops in the city? No!

(6) With due deference, may we know, whether such remissness could ever be tolerated in Great Britain?

Could any Government retain its office and power, when heartless profiteering goes on unchecked in England?

(7) Your Excellency, the task before you is infinitely simpler than that of the Food Minister in England. Barring rice, India is not dependent on foreign countries for her food supplies. Your Government has not to buy in the foreign market. Nor has it to face submarine menace for the transport of foodstuffs.

(1) A capable Control Board.

(2) Fixation of 1st August Rates and six per cent increase thereon.

(3) Vigorous and rigorous search of profiteering cases by a band of paid Inspectors.

(4) Deterrent punishment to guilty profiteers.

(5) Summoning of wholesale merchants, and giving them a plain warning, that if they hold back their stocks or push up prices, Government will "requisition their stocks."

(6) Your Excellency, pray devote your immediate attention to stop this daylight loot.

Of what value are the various concerts and orchestras, and plays and cinemas in aid of our Hospitals, Homes, Schools and Hostels, when they have all to foot an exorbitant increase in their expenditure, due to this perfidious profiteering?

Your Excellency, the food problem is the problem of problems to-day. Distress is acute. Discontent is growing—city's health and peace are threatened. Pray, think of the unemployed, the starving, the famishing and stop this heartless shameless profiteering, and earn the gratitude of the poor of Bombay.

VICEROY'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Dec. 6.

A notification in this week's Calcutta "Gazette" states:

H. E. the Viceroy and the Marchioness of Linlithgow will arrive at Howrah station at 9-54 a.m., (Calcutta Time) on Thursday, the 14th December, 1939. The arrival will be private.

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Their Excellencies will be received on arrival by H. E. the Governor of Bengal and the Lady Mary Herbert attended by their staff, and by prominent officials.

After representations have been made, Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Marchioness of Linlithgow will proceed to Belvedere by motor car and His Excellency the Governor and the Lady Mary Herbert will proceed to Government House. Their staffs will then proceed to Belvedere and Government House respectively.—A. P.

CANBERRA, Dec. 5.

The Empire Air Training Scheme estimated to cost Australia 50 million Australian pounds over the total period of war, announced Mr. Menzies in the House of Representatives.—Reuter

"STUDIO SPY" REPORTS

(Continued from page 8)

duced under the trade name of Sagar—a name that was a household word for a decade. R.I.P.

Another "Daughter-in-Law"

There is some definite news now from the India Artists Limited. Managing Director **Kishore Sahu** will play the lead himself in their first picture, entitled "Bahurani" (an affectionate term for the daughter-in-law of the house). Kishore Sahu, if you remember, played the lead in the Bombay Talkies film "Jeevan Prabhat" with modest success. No, he is not to be the "Bahurani." That role, I believe, will be played by Anuradha (who entered the films via "The Only Way"). An important role will be played by Mubarak who, with his long experience of this line, is said to be proving himself useful to India Artists Limited in a number of other ways. Rafiq Ghaznavi will be the music director.

Raw Film.

Now that several new concerns are being floated the question of raw films is again assuming serious proportions. With the German supply eliminated, the Indian producers are mainly depending upon British and American stock. But owing to shipping difficulties the supply has been erratic, causing great concern to the producers. It appears, however, that very soon this difficulty will be removed. Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, President, and R. B. Chunilal, Vice-President, of the Motion Picture Society saw the Commerce Member recently in Delhi and explained to him the difficulties of the producers. As a result, it appears, the Government have given an assurance that they will do their best to secure for raw film priority of transit, so that a regular supply is available in India.

I Hear ....

That Rose has joined National Studios and will be starred in their first picture "Sanskar," being directed by Virendra Desai.

That five artistes have launched a new concern under the name of "Panjratan Film Co" and are producing a picture on a co-operative basis.

That Baburao Pendharkar returns to a villain's role in the Huns latest production, nearing completion, "The Better Half."

That Ranjit have again postponed "The Return of Toofan Mail" and that Director Jayant Desai, having finished "India Today," has started another picture.

And that at least two producers have announced their intention of producing a film based on the life of the late Kemal Attaturk.

Light Showers Near Frontier

Poona, Dec 6

Scattered light showers occurred along and near North-West Frontier. Dalhandin recording a quarter inch, Port Blair also recorded 3/4 of an inch rain.

Forecast: Until evening of 7th:—Mainly dry weather.—A. P.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Profit-Taking In Speculatives: Recovery Towards Close

Calcutta: December 6.

Easier feeling ruled over more speculative sections of the Stock Exchange to-day due to profit-taking operations. Coals were affected to a considerable extent, whereas Cottons ruled quiet but steady. Jute shares found more sellers than buyers, while Teas kept fully steady. Engineerings, Papers and Sugar shares also declined heavily on selling pressure, but again recovered to some extent towards the close. Government Securities on the other hand kept steady and unchanged.

Following are the closing quotations:—

Government securities: 3 1/2 per cent Paper 87/11; 4 per cent Loan (1960/70) 102/4; 5 per cent Loan (1945/55) 111 s l.

Banks: Central 32; Reserve 109/8.

Cottons: Cawnpore Textiles 7/5; Dunbar 246; Elgin 165; Kesoram 8/4.

Coals: Bengal 424; Bengal Bhatdee 1; Bhulanbararee 16/8; Bokaro and Ramgur 18/12; Burrakur 17/14; Central Kurkend 18/10; Deoli 11/4; Dhemo Main 18/10; Equitable 42; Hurriladih 17; Katras Jherriah 33; Nagira 10/12; New Manbhoom 41/12; Raneegunge 32/8; Sendra 16/8; West Jamuria 35.

Jutes: Agarpara 29/2; Albion 281; Anglo-India 444/8; Barnagore 157; Clive 35/2; Howrah 64/8; Hukumchand 9/8; Pref 89; Kinnison 714; National 26/4; Nuddea 78/8; Presidency 6/12.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 8/10; Consolidated Tin 5/13; Indian Copper 3; Kanpura Development 13/4; Rhodesia Copper 1/12; Tavoy Tin 2/6; Dalmia Cement Ord 10/14; Pref 91 s o l; Hukumchand Steel Ord 9/11; Indian Iron and Steel 43/10; Indian Steel and Wire Products Ord 60/8; Kumardhubi Eng Ord 6/12; Steel Corporation 25/3; Pref 100 ex-div; B I Corporation 5/8; Rohtas Industries Ord 24/8; Pref 137; British Burma Petroleum 6/10; Bengal Paper 127; India Paper Pulp 156; Mysore Paper 17; Orient Paper 9/10; Titaghur Paper Prefd Ordy 5; 'A' and 'B' Ordy 28/12; Carew and Co. 16; Murree Brewery 16/8; Rasa 17/8.

Teas: Bateli 6/2; Eastern Cachar 11/4; Hasimara 46/4; Hantapara 360; Hattikhira 24/10; Satugaon 10/2; Tespore 9/12.—A. P.

ROADS CONGRESS EXECUTIVE MEETS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Council of the Indian Roads Congress met this morning at Electric House 'in camera' under the presidentship of Mr. K. G. Mitchell, Consulting Engineer (Roads) to the Government of India.

About twenty-five representatives of British Indian provinces, States and business, were present.

The Council reviewed the work done during the year.

In the afternoon the Technical Sub-Committee met 'in camera' under the presidentship of Mr. Mitchell.

The formal opening of the Congress will be on Monday by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

The sixth Annual Roads Congress will be in session for a week, till Wednesday the 13th instant.

On Thursday morning (to-day) the full Congress will meet for introduction of papers and consideration of notes of the Road Works to be visited in the ensuing days, by the members, and the issues arising therefrom. In the afternoon the delegates will visit important roads of the Bombay City. On Friday the Congress delegates will visit Poona and will inspect construction of the roads in progress with modern machinery, round about Poona. The delegates will inspect positions of Bombay-Poona Road and Bombay-Agra Road on Saturday morning. The Council is again meeting on Saturday evening.

Sunday's programme includes a visit to the Vihar and Powai lakes and to the Elephanta Caves.

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Kartik Vad 11, 1996
Muslim: Shavvaal 25, 1358
Parsi: Tir 3, 1309
Hightide: 8-27; 21-54
Lowtide: 2-40; 15-09
Sunrise: 6h. 59m.
Sunset: 6h. 2m.

Standing Committee. Budget meeting, 2-40 p.m.

Municipal Corporation, 3-40 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 8

"Child In The Home" Exhibition, Town Hall, 5-45 p.m.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the Notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

"ADYAR AND ITS LEADERS"

Mrs. N. M. Mullan will lecture in English at the Theosophical Society, Blavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge Chowpatty, to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) on "Adyar and Its Leaders."

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

A special meeting of the Standing Committee will be held to-day (Thursday), at 2 p.m. (Bombay Time) for the further consideration of the Budget Estimates for the year 1940/'41.

KHAR RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM

His Serene Holiness Swami Virajanandaji, the President of Ramakrishna Mutt and Mission, Belur Math, Calcutta, will give a further talk on his reminiscences of Swami Vivekanand at the Ramakrishna Ashram, Library Hall, Khar, to-day (Thursday), at 7-45 p.m.

TECHNOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Under the joint auspices of the Technological Association, University of Bombay, and the Society of Textile Chemists, Mr. H. P. Mather will deliver a lecture on "Modern Bleaching and Finishing Machinery" to-day (Thursday) at 5-30 p.m. in the lecture-room of the Department of Chemical Technology, University of Bombay.

POSTAL NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the booking of insured articles and money orders for and from the branch offices in account with the following Sub-Offices is temporarily suspended: Badah, Bhiria, Dokri, Johi, Kambar, Kandiaro, Khairpur-Nathoshah, Larkana, Mehar, Moro, Naodero, Naushahro, Pad-Idan, Radhan Ratodero, Sehwan, Shahdadkot, Sita, Tharushah under the Sukkur H. O.

ALLIANZ UND STUTTGARTER LIFE INSURANCE BANK, LIMITED

Manager of A. U. S. for Br. India writes: "It will be recalled that recently the Government of India announced that arrangements had been made for the continuance of the business of the above company existing in British India under the management of a Board of Government of India officials acting through Messrs. A. F. Ferguson and Co.

Information has now been received that the offices of the Company at 82/84, Queensway, New Delhi, were re-opened on 1st Dec. 1939, for business under the new management."

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Unknown Soldier Speaks". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Stanley and Livingstone". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
METRO—"Merry Widow". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Each Dawn I Die". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
NEW EMPIRE—"Intermezzo". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Kahan Hai Manzil Teri". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"On the River." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Mera Haq". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Aulad". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"As you Please". Daily at 4-15 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
DIAMOND—"The Spider's Web" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bhagva Zenda". Time as usual.
PLAZA—"Sukhacha Shodha". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

The opening of Bandra's new church has now officially been fixed for Sunday evening. His Grace Dr. Thomas Roberts, S.J., Archbishop of Bombay, is to perform the opening ceremony.

By the completion of this church Bandra can boast of having one of the biggest and grandest Catholic churches not only in Bombay but in India.

The Church is built in the modern style as seen in Europe and is a huge structure, well planned, well designed and well ventilated. The interior is full of painstaking carvings and artistic paintings and is of a large accommodation.

BORIVLI FESTIVAL

From Sunday for eight days the Mount Poinsor Catholic Church in Borivli will be celebrating their annual festival.

This festival is a popular one and crowds of Catholics from both, the city and the suburbs will come on their annual pilgrimage, which after church services is spent in picnicks under the mango groves

This year the crowd is expected to be very big and the Suburban Police might carry out stronger police "bundobast" and thus save any likely disturbance.

CHIMBAI CONCERT

The Chimbai Fisher Folks' Dramatic Union, Bandra, held their eighth annual variety entertainments on Sunday last in St. Andrews' Church compound, Bandra.

Rev. Fr. Roque D. Pereira, of St. Theresa's Church, Girgaum, Bombay, presided.

A long programme of items was gone through amidst claps and cheers.



Mr. R. P. Masani presided over the annual social gathering of the Nawroji Wadia College, Poona. From left to right are Mr. and Mrs. V. D. B. Taraporwala, Mr. R. P. Masani and Principal V. K. Joag.

Workers Support Congress Demand For Constituent Assembly

(From A Correspondent)

The third day of the "Constituent Assembly Week" of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee was celebrated by the two public meetings on Tuesday last, one at Nagu Sayaji Wadi at 5-30 p.m. and the other at Matunga Labour Camp at 9 p.m.

The meeting at Nagu Sayaji Wadi was attended by about 900 people and was presided by Mr. Donde. Mr. Donde explained the implication of the Constituent Assembly and urged the public to be prepared for a national struggle to achieve it. Mr. P. K. Kurane, the Secretary of the G.D.C.C. referred to the tremendous rise in prices and the subsequent plight of the poor masses and explained that the only solution was a genuine people's government established by a Constituent Assembly. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. Upadhyaya and Mr. Varaskar.

"G" WARD CONGRESS

Monthly meeting of the Council of Management of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee will be held to-day (Thursday), at 8-30 p.m. in the Congress Committee's office.

PUBLIC MEETING IN "G" WARD

Under the auspices of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee a public meeting will be held to-day (Thursday) at 5-30 p.m. at Chinchpokli Bridge to explain the Working Committee's resolution in general and the Constituent Assembly in particular.

Activities Of Bombay Tenants' Association

The Managing Board of the Bombay Tenants' Association has presented the Eighth Annual Report of the Association. The report refers to its statement to the questionnaire issued by the Rent Inquiry Committee. It also refers to a special Committee of the Association appointed to consider the recommendations of the Rent Enquiry Committee. That report also says that the Tenants' Association has become the member of the Federation of the Social Welfare Associations.

FIRING AT COLABA

A Press Communique states:—

"Firing with Light Guns will be carried out as under:—

16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th December at Colaba at 08-00 hrs.—12-00 hrs. (Area A. Sec. I and II).

(Times given are approximate and every endeavour will be made to adhere to them, but unavoidable delays may occur as a result of traffic in the harbour and its approaches).

RECEPTION TO G. A. SABNIS

(From A Correspondent)

The Secretary of the "Sawantwadi Vetore Gramastha Shikshana Prasarak Sangh," Bombay, writes:—A reception was given in honour of Mr. Gajanan Atmaram Sabnis, Advocate, O.S., on his appointment as the Presidency Magistrate in Bombay City by the Government in the hall of Bhawsar Kshatriya Mahajan Wadi, near Maratha Samaj Griha, Parel, Bombay, on Sunday last, under the presidentship of Mr. P. K. Sawant, Municipal Corporator.

INDORE BAN ON PAPERS

KHANDWA, Dec. 6.

Information received here from Indore says that the Holkar Government has banned the entry into the Indore State of the "Sudarshan," a weekly published from Etah.

The "Janmabhoomi," a Gujerati daily of Bombay, the "Swarajya" and the "Bikram" were already banned in the State.—United Press.

Elocution Competition For Catholic Schools

On Saturday, the 16th inst. the Bandra Gymkhana (Library Section) will hold their fourth annual Elocution Competition for Catholic Schools commencing at 6 p.m. The Hon. Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia will preside and give away the trophies. He will also be the presiding judge together with four others. Very Rev. Fr. Balaguer, the Vicar-General of the Diocese will be one of the judges.

The following Challenge Cups will be competed for:—Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Fernandes Championship Cup for the school obtaining the highest marks in the aggregate; Mrs. Leo Rodrigues Cup for boys not over eight years; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dyer Cup for girls not over eight years; St. Andrew's Cup for boys over eight but under 13 years; L. Martin D'Souza Cup for girls over eight, but under 13 years; Jos. Alex Dias Cup for boys over 13 years; Mrs. W. E. Pereira Cup for girls over 13; St. Joseph's Cup for East Indian Student (Boy); and Basil Gomes Cup for East Indian Student (Girl).

"INDIA AND THE CHANGING WORLD"

Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Union, Mr. M. Kumaramangalam, the President of the Cambridge University Union, will deliver a public lecture on "India and the Changing World" to-morrow (Friday), at 6-30 p.m. at the Forbes Sabha Hall, the Congress Lane, opposite Congress House. Mr. Yusuf Meherally will preside.

SCHOOL MASTER'S COMPLAINT

Schools Committee Asks K. E. M. Dean To Explain

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Bombay Municipal Schools Committee at its meeting held on Wednesday evening, considered a letter received from Mr. P. V. Patankar, Assistant Master of Municipal Marathi Boys School, Angrewadi, stating that his daughter who was studying in the above school was taken to the K. E. M. Hospital for tonsils operation on the morning of October 10, 1938, and the girl was all right till 6 p.m., in the evening after an operation was performed on her, but later on she vomitted two or three cups of blood and the doctors, therefore, kept the girl in the hospital.

In spite of Mr. Patankar's earnest request and in spite of the girl's crying bitterly when he left her in the hospital, he was not allowed to remain in the hospital at night and no Municipal doctor, it was alleged remained in the hospital to look after her.

He further stated that about 3 a.m., two or three doctors from the hospital came to his residence in a taxi saying that his daughter was getting worse. When he went to the hospital, he found his daughter kept on oxygen, but before he could approach the child's bed the oxygen tube was taken off and the doctors said that she was dead.

When he asked for an Ambulance car he was told that it could not be had, as the driver was sleeping.

Mr. Patankar had also written to the Executive Health Officer who did not give him a satisfactory reply. The letter concluded with a request that the case should be investigated thoroughly and also that in similar cases permission should be granted to the mother or in her absence to the guardian of the child to stay in the hospital at night.

The Committee resolved to ask for an explanation from the Dean of the K. E. M. Hospital on receiving which further consideration of the letter would be taken up by the Committee.

New Director Of Information

Mr. Claude Scott formerly News Editor of the "Times of India", has been appointed Director of Public Information, Bombay in succession to Mr. Gennings, retired.

Mr. Scott took over charge on Wednesday morning.

COULD NOT KEEP FOOD DOWN

Drugs Proved Useless for His Indigestion

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WANTED PROMPT ACTION

The problem of high prices, created by war conditions, has been disquieting enough all these three months of the war, but during the last few days it has become particularly serious. We published yesterday a full and detailed review of local wholesale prices showing that the prices of many foodstuffs and other necessaries of life have increased by 30 to 40 per cent. over the September prices, which were themselves somewhat inflated. The increase is greater in the retail prices as most purchasers are ignorant of price movements and the regulations controlling them. The Bombay prices affect those all over the country but they hit the people of the city very hard as most of them are wage or salary earners. The public were feeling nervous about this even when the Congress Ministry was in office but they now feel positively alarmed This is particularly the case among workers who find that at one stroke they are deprived of more than the benefit of the wage-increase secured for them by the Congress Government.

Difficult Problem

As the new Government did not seem to be in sufficiently close touch with this problem a deputation led by Mr. Horniman met the Chief Advisor to the Governor a fortnight ago and acquainted him with the growing discontent in the city at Government's failure to deal effectively with profiteering. Sir Gilbert Wiles assured the deputation that he was watching the situation carefully and would do the needful as and when necessary. But we fear Government have done practically nothing all these days though the situation is steadily getting worse and worse. It almost seems as if the authorities either did not know their own mind or were powerless to bring the situation under control. We must admit that the problem of controlling prices is not quite so easy as it appears. In the first place reliable statistics of prices at different stages from production to purchase by the consummer are not easily collected. A controversy is still going on as to which should be the basic price level. Finally, it is difficult to reconcile the interests of the consumers who demand low prices, with the interests of the producers, who need sufficiently high prices to compensate them for the losses they sustain when the prices are low and few are willing to fix minimum prices. Again, fairly high prices are necessary to encourage the production of commodities which are necessary but whose supply has been restricted by war conditions. However, these difficulties are not insuperable. They have been overcome in the past and can be tackled effectively if the lessons of the past are not ignored.

Permissible Increase

The first thing necessary for Government to do is to keep in continuous touch with the representatives of the various interests concerned. They should also ensure a constant supply of reliable statistics. As regards the basic price level, it is now believed by many that the average prices of August constitute a fair basis. And the Government of India should accept this as the basis. Once these points are definitely settled, Government should courageously lay down a maximum percentage for a rise about the basic level, due allowance being made for increased cost of production. It is difficult to suggest a precise figure for this purpose; but when allowance is made for a rise in the cost of production, it seems fair to fix 10 per cent. ordinarily, as the maximum rise over the basic price. More important than the framing of rules in this matter is their strict enforcement with the help of all the necessary machinery that must be set up for the purpose. In any case it is necessary to open a sufficient number of cheap grain-shops in the city, particularly in the Labour areas. It is to be hoped that Government and the municipal Corporation will take joint measures in this direction without any further delay.

Indians Abroad

By S. A. WAIZ

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The real pressure towards modern Indian colonisation came first from the side of the British Government for colonial sugar purposes. Directly after the abolition of slavery in 1834, the Colonial Office found out that the sugar plantations which had been maintained hitherto by slave labour in the British Colonies, were being ruined for want of steady and reliable agricultural labour. It was not possible to get the freed slaves to go back in any large numbers, in order to work under the old conditions Therefore, at this critical juncture the East India Company, which was then in power, was approached with a view to obtaining Indian labourers under a five years' indenture, who should perform the hard toilsome labour in the sugar plantations that had been previously done by slaves. After much bargaining the India indenture system was allowed, with a five years' contract and a fixed proportion of men, women on every emigrant ship. Originally, this proportion of men to women was three men to one woman. Later on the proportion was slightly raised to ten men for every four women. In either case the results were disastrous, and as the numbers of indentured labourers increased year by year, while the low proportion of women remained practically unchanged, the whole system became bound up with immorality, suicide, and sexual crimes. After a long and bitter struggle, the whole indenture system was finally abolished on January 1st 1920. On that memorable day, the small remnant of Indian labourers still under indenture was set free.

The Colonies to which indentured labour was sent were:—Mauritius (1834), British Guiana (1838) Trinidad (1844), Jamaica (1845), Natal (1860), Dutch Guiana (1872) and Fiji (1879). There were also other Indian labourers who went out under conditions much less harmful and restrictive to Malaya and Ceylon.

The Indian Emigration Act, 1922, was promulgated upon the abolition of indenture system. It declares that "emigration for the purpose of unskilled labour shall not be lawful except to such countries and on such terms as the Governor-General-in-Council by notification in the Gazette of India may specify in this behalf." Under this act Agents to the Government of India in Ceylon and British Malaya and Secretary for Indian Affairs in Fiji are appointed. The duty of these officials is to look after the interests of Indians and to report the Government of India. The Government have also appointed Protector of Emigrants at important Ports in India. The Act has recently been amended with a view to further restrict Indian emigration to the Colonies. An Agent to the Government of India has also been appointed in Burma which is now separated from India. Owing to anti-Indian legislation in Ceylon the Government of India have prohibited Indian emigration to this Colony.

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India's connection with Malay and East Indies goes back to dim antiquity. The same is equally true of her relation with Africa on the west.

During the prehistoric ages of the past, India was geographically connected with Africa by land There are islands across the Indian Ocean still existing as part of that landbridge which once stretched from shore to shore but now is mainly buried beneath the sea.

In the first century after Christ, the steady direction of the monsoon winds was boldly made use of with safety by some daring Indian navigator, and after that discovery, the Indian ships became famous for sailing straight across the Arabian Sea bringing their merchandise to Mombasa, Zanzibar and carrying African produce back to Cochin, Calicut and Surat. It is stated that an Indian navigator piloted Vasco de Gama's boat to India in 1498. There was a flourishing Indian community at this time at Mombasa and Zanzibar. In more modern times frequent steamers have made this eastern coast of Africa much more accessible for Indian commerce and also for migration of people.

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In relation to Africa one constant feature needs to be remembered. While there has been close human contact lasting over many centuries between India and Africa, with an interflow of peoples, nevertheless up to the present the intellectual life and culture of India has not left its mark on Eastern Africa as it has done on Eastern Asia. The influence hitherto has been almost entirely commercial and secular. Nevertheless, there has been an unbroken bond of friendliness between the two peoples, which is by no means unimportant for the future.

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The whole emigrant population of Indians abroad, at present numbers nearly 35 lakhs The following figures will indicate their distribution:—Ceylon 855,000, British Malaya 517,000; Burma 10,00,000; Dutch East Indies 27,638; Siam and French Indo-China 11,000; Aden, Iraq and Persian Gulf Ports 12,000; Fiji 78,975, Australia and New Zealand 3,166 Abyssinia 2,000; Kenya Colony 39,644; Uganda Protectorate 13,026; Zanzibar Protectorate 15,246; Tanganyika Territory 23,422; Portuguese East Africa 5,000; South Africa 190,000; Madagascar 8,000; Mauritius 265,796, United States of America 5,850, British Guiana 131,919; Dutch Guiana 37,933; Brazil 2,000, Jamaica 17,950; Trinidad and Tobago 140,689; Grenada, St. Lucia and Cuba 9,000; England and Wales 7,128. In Europe and America there is a floating population of those who go for study and commerce. The rest are scattered in other parts of the world. About 75 per cent. of Indians, living in countries outside India, are permanent settlers. Generally the Indian emigrant has followed the British Flag but in the case of Zanzibar, the Union Jack followed the Indians.

Helsinki Olympiad

An Olympic News-Service Bulletin issued from Helsinki last October announced:

"Despite recent upheavals in Europe Finnish sporting life progresses satisfactorily. Neutral Finland believes in peace and redoubles her efforts in organising the peace festival of the world—the Olympic games."

This was just seven weeks before "Comrade" Stalin sent his bombers across and threatened to lay waste the Finnish capital. In fact the formal announcement of the cancellation of the Games was issued on the very day that Helsinki was bombed. It is amazing how fast the forces of destruction travel. Originally Japan was to have had the signal honour of holding the XIIth. Olympic Games and in spite of the Sino-Japanese hostilities elaborate preparations were carried on for months to equip Tokyo for the task of entertaining the sportsmen of the world. But the war hounds were moving faster and faster and the strain on Japan's national economy was rapidly increasing. On 5th July 1938, Kobe was deluged. This was the last straw.

Two days later followed the announcement that Tokyo would not be in a position to hold the 1940 Olympiad. The International Olympic Committee decided to accede to Finland's request and shifted the venue of the Games to Helsinki. This was only another fitting recognition of the Finns' brilliant Olympic traditions. Posterity will always honour Paavo Nurmi—the 'Flying Finn'—and Kustaa Pihlajamaki—the new free style wrestling wonder—as two of the greatest athletic personalities of the age. And now in Taisto Maki Finland has found yet another athletic marvel who may well recreate history in long distance running. International sporting experts such as W. Bjorneman—who is one of the three technical experts of the International Amateur Athletic Federation—were most generous in their tributes to the Finns' excellent preparatory arrangements for the Games. It is, indeed, a satire on modern civilisation that a peace-loving people who till only a few days back had pooled almost their entire national resources in organising the 'peace festival of the world', should at his very moment be fighting desperately for the very right of existence!

Germany's Support

The sudden visit to Berlin of the German Ambassador in Rome, coupled with the recall to Moscow of certain Soviet Embassy officials, led some quarters to interpret that Herr Hitler was profoundly disturbed by Russia's advance in the Baltic and that he might probably consider a revision of his policy. There need be no doubt that he is disturbed. But he is not going to revise his policy. The official organ of the German Foreign Office, the *Diplomatische Korrespondez*, has just discovered that convocation of the League meeting at Geneva is "an Allied scheme to compromise" the neutrality of neutral States. In fact, it has made the pro-Russian position of Nazi Germany clear beyond doubt by declaring that "Germany and Russia having re-established friendly relations it cannot be the business of the Reich to interfere where Russia has decided to safeguard her ancient vital interests" The recognition by the Nazis of Russia's "ancient vital interests" is both amusing and instructive. The truth is that Herr Hitler and his Foreign Minister are now too helpless to do otherwise. But how will this recognition affect Italian relations with Germany?

"Carry On And Dread Nought" Is Britain's Watchword

Churchill On Admiralty's Task In Battling With German Battleships And Cruiser In Atlantic And Indian Ocean

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Reviewing the course of naval war during the first three months together with an outline of the present position, Mr. Winston Churchill told the House of Commons that the main attack of the enemy was concentrated on the Royal Navy and seaborne commerce on which British islands and the Empire depended.

"We have always over 2,000 ships at sea and between 100 and 150 ships on the move every day in our harbours of the United Kingdom alone. This immense traffic has to be maintained in the teeth of consistent U-Boat attack, which never hesitates to break the conventions of civilised warfare to which Germany so recently subscribed. We have been frequently attacked from the air. Mining on a large scale has been practised against us and latterly, magnetic mines have been dropped from aeroplanes or laid by submarines under conditions contrary to the accepted rules of sea-warfare, and of specific German engagements with regard to them.

ADMIRALTY'S TASK

Besides this, two so-called pocket battleships and one other cruiser have been loose for many weeks past in the North and South Atlantic or near Madagascar in the Indian Ocean. The Admiralty's task has been to bring in our immense worldw de traffic in spite of this opposition. Besides this, we have to cleanse the seas of all German commerce (laughter) and arrest every German vessel and every scrap of cargo in which Germany is interested.

Mr. Churchill mentioned that U-Boat commanders had sought to emulate the exploits at Scapa Flow by penetrating into Britain's defended harbours and "several graves of U-Boats lie upon their approaches."

FATE OF FIVE U-BOATS

In the last week they had been active and "we are inclined to think that five have certainly met their fate.

"I must repeat the warning that a steady flow of losses must be expected, that occasional disasters will occur and that any failure on our part to act up to the level of circumstances would immediately be attended by grave danger. It is my sure belief that we are getting the better of this menace to our life."

Mr. Churchill mentioned that U-Boats were now turning from using the gun to using torpedo and sinking ships at sight. "This carries them into a form of warfare which is at once more ruthless and at the same time, far less effective."

TORPEDO ATTACK

The torpedo attack was slower and the chances of interception were reduced. They had armed already, in addition to armed merchant cruisers, more than a thousand merchant ships for self-defensive purposes. This process was continuing with all possible speed.

Mr. Churchill added that it would not be long before two thousand vessels were so armed The efficacy of this asdic method of detection was increasingly proved and the ordeal to which a U-boat was subjected would become ever more severe The convoy system was now in full operation and very few ships were attacked in convoy and less than one in 750 was sunk The loss of British merchant ships in October were half of what they were in September and in November, only two-thirds of what they were in October. There is a strong and steady diminution of loss of all ships obeying Admiralty directions for joining our convoys. Quite the contrary has been the case with neutrals. They have lost half as much again, the second month as in the first and double as much in the third month as in the second.

It is a strange kind of warfare for the German navy to engage in. When driven off the shipping of their declared enemy they console themselves by run-

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Frankly Speaking

Feeling In Sweden

If the Russian invasion of Finland has moved countries so far away as the U.S.A., it is only too natural that it should cause grave concern to neighbours, particularly friendly neighbours. The universal feeling in Sweden in favour of Finland and defensive preparations are, therefore, quite intelligible. But we do not attach much importance to the suggestion implied in the following report: "It is estimated in some quarters in Stockholm that 70 per cent of the Swedish population is in favour of active intervention on Finland's behalf. It is suggested that the proposed new coalition Cabinet will be short-lived and will be forced out by an organised movement with a wide backing in favour of supporting Finland." We hope all this is no more than wishful thinking. For, if Sweden blunders into active intervention it is she alone who will suffer.

Those High Aims!

The speech of Lord Halifax on "the essential principles of a satisfactory and lasting peace" was truly no more than a summing up of past British declarations. And, like those declarations, their summing up, too, was entirely unsatisfactory. If anything it emphasizes the Imperialist reservations of Britain's war and peace aims. Lord Halifax gave a pledge in the following terms: ". . . We wish to create an international order in which all peoples will be secure under reign of law and can determine their political and economic life free from interference from their more powerful neighbours." But Britain's high and altruistic ideals (!) were confined by Lord Halifax to Europe.

Unconstitutional

The decision of the Governor-General to suspend consideration of the U. P. Employment Tax Bill raises questions of great constitutional importance. The Bill had passed the Provincial Legislature and was only awaiting the formal assent of the Governor. If autonomy had any meaning, the assent should have been given at once. If he or the higher authorities felt that the Bill was 'ultra vires' of the Legislature the issue should have been decided in the Federal Court. It is not open to the British Government to decide, as they have done, that "the powers of taxation given to Provincial Governments by the terms of item 46 of the Provincial Legislative list were never intended to bear the very wide interpretation which the bill puts upon them". The intention of a law is to be judged by its language and decided by a court of law and not by the Executive.

Not Candid

The British Government are aware of the weakness of their case and are, therefore, proceeding to change the Government of India Act itself to suit their wishes This, too, is a questionable procedure, particularly when it is designed to give a virtually retrospective effect to a Bill which was quite in order at the time it was adopted by the U. P. Legislature. It is not candid to say that an amendment is necessary "for the removal of all doubts." It would be more straightforward to say that the amendment is necessary for the removal of a power which the British Government do not like and which it suits them to describe as a matter of doubt

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A man is seldom disappointed in love until after marriage.

The contents of the jeweller's safe may be his stepping stones to fortune.

It may take nine tailors to make a man, but one bookmaker can break him.

The majority doesn't always rule. One bad little boy sometimes gets a dozen good little boys into mischief.

It keeps wives as busy providing things for the inner man as it does husbands in providing things for the outer woman.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6.

Bengal has now superseded Bombay as he province importing the largest amount of liquor into India.

During the first seven months of the current financial year Bengal imported 803,955 gallons of liquor, compared with 641,003 imported by Bombay.

—A. P.

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"Extreme elements in India", the London "Times" regrets, "have greatly lessened the international value of Mr Gandhi's attitude" towards the war against Hitler.

We sympathise with the British organ. The mischievous extremists have effectively checked the exploitation of the Mahatma by Imperial Britain in the International market

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We learn that, according to the latest import returns, "British cars occupy a commanding position in the Indian market'

If noblesse oblige, "duties" command.

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At a recent meeting of prominent and influential Muslims of Bombay invited by Mr M. A. Jinnah, a sum of Rs. 44,924 was subscribed on the spot for the "Bombay Muslim League Press and Propaganda fund."

We congratulate Mr. Jinnah. But the Junior Colleague, who has an eye for the conspiuously absent, draws our attention to the fact that the distinguished Convener of the meeting is not among the subscribers—unless it be that the Qaid-e-Azam is hiding his unique light in the anonymity of Donor No. 2.

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According to the Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, a prominent Labour leader of Britain, "Labour in Parliament would have been a traitor to Socialist ideals" if it had not protested against the Russian invasion of Finland.

Glorious!

And by the way, "Socialist ideals" would be a traitor to Labour if they invited its attention to British Imperialism.

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Much comment has been caused in Berlin by the recall to Moscow of the First Secretary and two other members of the Soviet Embassy.

The reason may after all be very simple. They are probably Jews and, therefore, objectionable to M. Stalin's esteemed friends.

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"It is learnt in Berlin that Germany still recognises the Finnish Government in Helsinki"—Reuter.

With private apologies to Russia?

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Did we say "private"?

We are sorry. We were counting without von Ribbentrop's *Diplomatische Korrespondenz* otherwise the organ of the German Foreign Office.

The ex-champagne monger of Germany is still going strong.

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Gdynia, the Polish port north of Danzig, has been declared by Herr Hitler as a war base, says a report.

But why? What's the big basic idea?

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"President Roosevelt has decided not to take this year's instalment of the Finnish debt and proposes to return some instalments paid in the past as help to Finland."—Washington report.

What a help!

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An officious and unpopular A.R.P. official was putting the stretcher-bearer party through its paces. He lay on the ground and said, 'Now, remember, I'm completely smashed up. Every bone in my body is broken. Now let's see how you pick me up.'

The stretcher-bearers picked him up efficiently, laid him on the stretcher, and asked, 'Well, was that satisfactory?'

'Yes, it was all right,' snapped the officious one, 'only you didn't have the look of regret in your eyes I expected!'

"Russia's Real Aim Is To Destroy Finland's Independence"

U. S. Helps Finland: Debt Instalment Of Dec. 15 Cancelled

Roosevelt has decided not to take this year's instalment of Finnish debt and proposes to return some of instalments paid in the past as help to Finland.

Certain Latin American states have approached United States to participate in pan-American condemnation of Soviet aggression.

Fierce fighting is reported in Sulmi. Russians are said to have taken the Island of Tutasaari and the Finns have moved to the mainland.

Russians claim that eleven Finnish 'planes were brought down and deny their cruiser "Kirow" has been sunk.

America To Help Finland Financially

LONDON, Dec. 5.

President Roosevelt has asked Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary t the Treasury, to place the Finnish debt payment due on December 15 in the suspension account.

Announcing this to a Press Conference, the President added that when Congress reassembled he would suggest that the money be returned to Finland for the benefit of the Finnish people and it might be possible to make available to Finland some of her back payments to the United States.

Pan-American Condemnation Of Soviet

Certain Latin-American Countries having approached America in support of the principles of International Law inviting the United States to participate in a joint pan-American condemnation of the Soviets' invasion of Finland Mr. Summer-Welles, under-Secretary of State, has replied expressing the United States' willingness to participate in a declaration to this effect if all the other American Republics formulate it.

Reds Use Dum Dum Bullets

An official Finnish communique states that in three days of fighting in the Karelian Isthmus, 64 Russian tanks were taken. In one fight alone 2,000 Russians were killed.

The Finn authorities have evidence of proving that Russians are using dum dum bullets and also shooting their own men from behind.

There was fierce fighting in Salmi and many prisoners were taken. In one engagement eight out of ten Russian tanks were destroyed. The prisoners taken said that they had been told to take five to six days to conquer Finland and that Finland was the aggressor. Finn losses in the last few days are stated to be very small.

Naval authorities state that Russians have taken the island to Tutasaari and that the Finns have moved to the mainland. There was no air fighting owing to the weather but Finn 'planes made reconnaissance flights and bombed enemy troops.

While Helsinki and other towns enjoyed a third day's uneasy respite, Finnish troops in the extreme north were feverishly digging themselves in amid charred and smoking ruins of Petsamo and Salmijaervi, although no Soviet bombers appeared to-day.

Fierce Fighting Continues

In the neighbourhood of Petsamo and Salmijaervi, the Finns are preparing to offer energetic resistance to the Soviet attack expected in the near future. Fighting in the district is already heavy and it is admitted that Russians have gained certain advance.

Russians are pouring troops in by sea and rail, but hitherto reinforcements have not been strong enough to make a really successful frontal attack on the main Finnish positions. Meanwhile streams of fugitives continue to cross the Norwegian Frontier, but not a single Finnish soldier has passed into Norway.

Russians Claim 11 Finn 'Planes Shot Down

The Russian High Command of Leningrad in a communique says during the fighting in Finland two Soviet 'planes were shot down and two more, which lost their bearings, apparently landed in Finnish territory. On the other hand eleven Finnish 'planes were shot down.

A communique issued by the Baltic fleet states that reports that the cruiser "Kirow," which was recently damaged while escorting a destroyer, has been sunk by the Finn coastal artillery is a pure fabrication.

Soviet Allegations Denied

An official Finnish statement issued in connection with the Soviet's refusal to accept the Finnish offer to open negotiations for peace says, "Anything more cynical than the Soviet's reply to the League has hardly been known in the world of diplomacy.

"All allegations regarding the character and authority of the present Finnish Government, which is supported by a Diet is completely false. It is evident that the Soviet's real aim is to destroy the independence and freedom of the peace-loving people of Finland."

It is announced that Finland has laid mines round Aaland Island under the Convention of 1921 for protecting the neutrality of the Islands.

A communique issued by the Russian High Command at Leningrad states: Since the end of November, not a single tank which has taken part in fighting, has been lost or fallen into Finnish hands.

On the ground that it does not recognise the Helsinki Government, the Soviet Government has in effect declined to agree to Sweden taking charge of Finnish interests in the Soviet Union.

It is announced that Sweden has mined her territorial waters in the Southern part of the Gulf of Bothnia in order to facilitate Sweden's effort to guarantee her neutrality.

Mine Laying Near Aaland Islands

The completion of the Finnish mine-laying round Aaland Islands is regarded here as important as it prevents the Soviet Navy from entering the Gulf of Bothnia.

Reports reaching here indicate that the transport of Finnish troops was successfully carried out. It is stated that the Finnish Government is still in Helsinki. It is reported that some American aeroplanes piloted by American pilots are on their way to Finland. Their departure has been financed by subscription. It is considered here that there is now no hope of a peaceful settlement.

Germany Not To Intervene

Affirming Germany's intention to refrain from intervention in the Soviet-Finnish conflict the "Diplomatische Korrespondeze" says, "Germany and Russ' having re-established friendly relations, it cannot be the business of the Reich to interfere where Russia has decided to safeguard her ancient vital interests."

Soviet Aggression Is Direct Sequence To German Policy

Praising Lord Halifax for his down right condemnation of Soviet aggression in Finland, which was a direct consequence of German policy, the "Daily Telegraph" states that Germany used allegations of encirclement as an excuse for any infamy.

Now, as Lord Halifax has remarked, the German people see their operations of self-encirclement extending in a direction most dangerous to them.—Reuter.

King Tours Western Front

The King spent eight hours today with his Armies in France. Th sounds of cheering as His Majesty left each unit were carried across the country-side.

His Majesty lunched with Viscount Gort and the Duke of Gloucester and a score of other high officials, in a simple village Estaminet, ordinarily used as a corporals' mess.

The tour covered a wide area concluding with a review of a battalion of Highlanders only a quarter of a mile behind barbed wire.

As the convoy headed the King's car flying the Royal standard returned in twilight to the G.H.Q., little crowds of French people lined the streets of the towns and villages waving welcome.

Sir John Simon In France

Sir John Simon made a lightning tour in a civil plane of several secret R.A.F. Stations in France before flying back to England.

He was an interested spectator of a thrilling exercise by combined British bombers and French fighters attacking imaginary aircraft and other objectives on the ground.

Sir John Simon flew to the scene of recent British fighter successes against enemy aircraft since when Nazi planes have virtually suspended reconnaissance on the Western Front altogether.

The Chancellor visited three aerodromes and was greatly impressed with the camouflage effects.

DELAYED PAYMENT FOR M. P.S' WIVES

LONDON, Dec. 5.

There was an incident in the House of Commons when the Socialist, Mr. William Dobbie, raised a question concerning delayed payment of allowances to wives in his constituency of Rotherham in Yorkshire, whose husbands were in the army.

Mr. Dobbie persisted in shouting when he was called to order by the Speaker. Finally he left the House and returned after a short period.

Oxford Beat Cambridge

LONDON, Dec. 6.

At Cambridge 5,000 watched Oxford beat Cambridge by 15 points to 3 in the annual Inter-Varsity Rugby.—Reuter.

GRAND NATIONAL.

The Grand National for 1940 will be run at Aintree, according to Sir Warren Fisher, North-western Regional Commissioner.

ALL-INDIA RADIO

Advisory Committee To Assist Controller Of Bombay Station

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6.

The decision of the Government of India to establish an advisory committee to assist the Controller of Broadcasting in the working of the Bombay Station of All-India Radio is announced in the Press Note issued by the Department of Communications.

The committee will consist of the Controller of Broadcasting (President), the Director of the Bombay Station of All-India Radio (Secretary), Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Richard Temple, Rani Lakshmi Bai Rajwade of Gwalior and Mr. B. S. Sukthankar (members).—United Press.

Municipal Workers' Conference

BOMBAY: Wednesday.

A meeting of the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Union was held last evening under the presidency of Mr M. V. Donde when it was decided to convene of Conference of Municipal employees unions existing all over the province to frame a common policy of action, to formulate common demands and to ventilate common grievances.

The conference is expected to be held in a couple of months and preliminary negotiations with other unions will be opened in a few days.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF GREISER

Secret Polish Organisation At Work

PARIS, Dec. 5.

A secret Polish military organisation is now harassing the Nazi authorities in German-occupied Poland, according to reports received in Paris. German officials and officers are said to be falling victims to bullets fired by unseen hands.

It is stated that an attempt was recently made to kill Herr Greiser, Governor of the province of Posen. A Polish refugee stated that five members of the organisation fired on Herr Greiser's car in Posen but as the car was armoured, Herr Greiser was not hurt, but a revolver fight ensued between the assailants and Herr Greiser's guard of Storm Troopers and Gestapo and resulted in the deaths of four Poles and two Germans and the fifth Pole shot himself rather than fall into German hands.

GERMAN COLONEL'S DEATH AVENGED.

A German colonel, it is reported, was shot at as he was leaving a house and in revenge the Germans massacred all the occupants of the house, regardless of age and sex, after forcing them to their own graves.

SWEDISH COASTAL DEFENCES

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according to information in possession of the British Government, declared Mr. R. A. Butler at question time.

The latter vessel was scuttled while the "Windhuk" was known to have been searched at one time by Portuguese authorities while in port.

Mr Butler explained that it was no part of the duties of neutral Power to prevent the departure of unarmed merchant vessels of belligerents from their harbours and the British Government gratefully recognised that the Portuguese Government had scrupulously observed their obligations throughout the course of the present hostilities.—Reuter.

OVER 60 SOVIET TANKS CAPTURED

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Latest reports from Helsinki show that fighting is going on on all the three fronts and Finns are resisting successfully.

On the Southern Front in Karelia, Finnish troops captured or destroyed over 60 heavy tanks and inflicted heavy losses.

On the Arctic Front, Finns are holding up the advance of Russian troops who are outnumbered.

These claims are, however, denied by Moscow.—Reuter.

Laying Of Minefields Completed

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6.

Latest precautionary measure taken by Sweden includes the extinguishing of night lights on the East Coast.

The laying of minefields has been completed and more than 40,000 men who were called up yesterday are being sent to strengthen Swedish coastal defences.—Reuter.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF 'HINDU'

Press And Offices Move To "Kasturi Buildings"

MADRAS, Dec. 6.

The moving of the "Hindu" to the "Kasturi Buildings" its new premises, marks the culmination of 60 years of its journalistic career.

Through this period, many well-known publicists of India such as Messrs. G. Subramania Aiyer, S. Kasturi Ranga Iyengar, S. Ranga-swami Iyengar and A. Ranga-swami Iyengar were connected with the paper.

The building is a three storeyed one commanding the entrance to the Mount and stands with an imposing facade opposite the Government House.

The High Power Rotary machine capable of printing 32 pages at a time and turning out 40,000 copies an hour is erected in two tiers with a gallery all round in a specially constructed chamber in the rear.

A Medical Officer and dispensary with ample medical and first aid equipment are to be housed in another building in the compound and a Refreshment Canteen for the staff will also be provided here. Uptodate sanitary installations including shower baths for the workers and the staff, high class electrical fittings and well-devised ventilation and lighting make conditions in the buildings ideal.

The "Hindu" has received numerous congratulatory messages on the completion of its Diamond Jubilee from distinguished persons both official and non-official, including H. E. the Viceroy, the Secretary of State for India, Mahatma Gandhi, several Indian Princes, Governors of Provinces, and leading public men both in India and England.

H.E. the Viceroy the Marquess of Linlithgow in his message says: "I am very glad to have this opportunity of congratulating "The Hindu" on the auspicious occasion of its Diamond Jubilee.

"A great newspaper, which is a true mirror of events, consistent in policy, fair in comment, balanced opinion, critical if need be without rancour or prejudice, is the surest measure of the intellectual and political freedom of the land in which it flourishes. "The Hindu" is representative of the best traditions of Indian journalism. It has served its public well for 60 years, and I trust that it may continue to do so for many a jubilee to come."

MAHATMA'S MESSAGE

Mahatma Gandhi says:—"My good wishes on the "Hindu" reaching its Diamond Jubilee. "The Hindu" is undoubtedly among India's best newspapers. May it continue its past record."

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru says: Sixty years of service is a magnificent record of which any newspaper would be proud. During this period "The Hindu" has built for itself a reputation and a position of outstanding importance, and all of us are proud of its record.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel says: "In Indian journalism, "The Hindu" has reached a high pinnacle in regard to the organisation of brilliant news service and fine-get-up."

Babu Rajendra Prasad, Congress President says:

"The Hindu" has ceased to be a mere newspaper and has become an institution in the country. May it live long to serve the country as it has been doing during its long uninterrupted career!—A.P.

Working Committee Agenda

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 6.

The "United Press" understands that the agenda of the next meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Wardha concerns the present political situation in the country. The Committee will take stock of the political developments that have taken place after the last meeting of the Committee at Allahabad in view of the Congress having declared at the Allahabad meeting that its immediate objective would be the formation of a Constituent Assembly with or without British co-operation which was subsequently reiterated by Mahatma Gandhi in the course of press statements and writings in the "Harijan".

It is further understood that efforts will be made to evolve a concrete scheme before the next session of the Indian National Congress at Ramgarh in regard to the Congress plan of Constituent Assembly.

The General Secretary of the Congress has already begun drafting the annual report to be submitted before the Ramgarh session of the Congress. One of the chapters of the report, it is learnt, will be devoted to the war-crisis.—United Press.

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Sir Stafford Cripps To Meet Socialists

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 6.

It appears Sir Stafford Cripps has expressed a desire to meet some Socialists during his forthcoming visit to Allahabad. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has accordingly asked Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan and Acharya Narendra Deo to come to Allahabad. Several other Socialists are already here.

It is understood that Sir Stafford will have no engagement of any kind on the day of his arrival in India.—United Press.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 6.

A communication has been received at the A.I.C.C. Office that Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Congress President, will remain at Patna till December 10. He then will go to his village home for a day or two and leave for Wardha to attend the Congress Working Committee meeting.

His cough is still persisting. So he has not yet been able to attend to work connected with labour enquiry.—United Press

MAINLY ABOUT MOTION PICTURES



A scene from "Bhagwa Zenda" (Marathi) at Majestic.



Mazhar Khan and Sabita Devi in "As You Please" at Imperial.



Jog and Minakshee in "Mera Haq" at West End.



A scene from "Aulad", the week's new release at Krishna.

"STUDIO SPY" REPORTS

All The News, All The Gossip

A Dialogue-Writer Who Became A Director --- A Managing Director To Act - - A Dancer To Appear As A Dancer

Now that the Pentangular is over and Uday Shankar is gone—and the next dance attraction has yet to be offered:—we have at last got a little leisure to talk about films and the people who make them.

In town this week has been Kedar Sharma, a modest young man from the land of five rivers, who is trying to launch the first picture directed by him—his 'Aulad,' as he affectionately calls it. You know Kedar Sharma, I hope. He is the man who wrote dialogues for "Devdas," that epic of frustrated romance. Also for "Vidyapati." And, if you are a careful enough cine-goer, you must have seen him in many a New Theatres picture in some entertaining side role. I cannot forget the few moments for which he appeared in "Manzil,"—a train passenger with a dozen of his 'aulad' with him—and put a spark of humour into that otherwise sombre (though great) film. In "Bari Didi" he was the fussy, parasitical priest while in "Vidyapati" he had the rather over-done farcial character of Pitamber.

A man of many parts, as you will readily agree considering that he began his screen career as a poster-painter and was a camera assistant at one time before he tried his hand at dialogue writing. A pleasant man to talk to—and he has the same piping, squeaky voice that we hear in his film-roles!

"My Girl" Is Coming

Also in town this week have been Producer-Director Shantaram of Prabhat and Producer-Director 'Dada' Torney of Saraswati Cinetone. Both for business reasons, presumably.

Dada Torney launched (or, shall we say 'hoisted'?) his "Bhagwa Zenda" at the Majestic on Saturday. This is another of those patriotic Marathi pictures which have proved so popular lately—though one can't see why the picture should be given an unoriginal second name "Under One Flag." (Claudette Colbert's "Under Two Flags" was not such a great picture, after all!)

At his studios in Poona, Dada Torney has just completed "Mazi Ladki," described as a "comedy drama of a village girl coming to the city for the first time and introduced to a most modern family." Soon we may expect to see her in Bombay! Ratnamala and Jaishree are featured. Which one of them is "Mazi Ladki?"

Talking About Dancers .....

With so much interest being taken in dances and dancers, it is of topical interest to hear that very soon we will see a full-length film dealing with the life of a dancer—"Kumkum The Dancer." Produced for Sagar by Director Modhu Bose with the well-known dancer-actress Sadhona Bose in the lead, this film is in two versions—Bengali and Hindustani. The Bengali version will be released in Calcutta on or about the New Year.

This is the only picture now being produced in the once ever-busy Sagar Studios on Nepean Sea Road. Strolling in the other day, I found the studio presenting a far from deserted appearance. On the floors was a huge 'set' representing a modern theatre with elaborate stage arrangements—which, I believe, will be one of the highlights of the film as most of the dramatic action takes place here.

"Kumkum The Dancer" will probably be the last picture to be pro-

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ILA DEVI
in a scene from Wadia's "Kahan Hai Manzil Teri" at Lamington.

"Aulad"--A Sentimental Melodrama

Film Corporation's Latest & Best | K. Sharma, A Promising Director

(By OUR FILM CRITIC)

"Aulad" (or "Dil Hi To Hai".) at the Krishna, introduces Kedar Sharma as a promising director and marks a definite improvement upon the two earlier productions of Film Corporation of India.



Ashok Kumar and V. H. Desai in "KANGAN" at Roxy.

Two years ago when the concern had been floated at Calcutta with adequate capital and set up a well-equipped studio, the Film Corporation was expected to make a bid for the front rank of Indian producers. But their very first, "Asha", was completely 'frustrated'; it was a third rate film which had nothing to recommend it except the (literally) hopeful title. Much money, we learnt, had been lavished upon it, thanks to the foreign technicians who were employed to produce it, and the result was yet another reminder that the mere fact that a man has a white skin does not mean that he ought to be a good director or a good cameraman. (It is strange how this fallacy still persists in the minds of our producers inspite of such splendid work done by our own Nitin Bose, Shantarams, Yusuf Muljis and Faredoon Iranis who have not even been trained by foreigners!)

Lucky Third

The second Hindustani attempt of Film Corporation was "Tumhari Jeet", slightly better than the first but far from reaching even the standard of good second class Indian films, was also a disappointment.

And now comes "Aulad" which hitherto had been publicised as "Dil Hi To Hai?" After seeing it one can at once say that this is the first picture in which the Film Corporation begins to vindicate the hopes that were associated with it at its birth. Photography, audiography and processing are satisfactory—the photography (by M. Malhotra) deserving special mention. Musical score as well as song compositions could have been improved.

From Dialogues To Direction

Above all, this picture is notable for the emergence of Kedar Sharma as a promising young director. In India there is no dearth of good artistes, some of our stars are equal to the best histrionic talent in Hollywood; we have even a dozen competent cameramen and a lesser number of good audiographers. But there is such a deplorable dearth of good directors that when anyone (particularly a young man) does even 'satisfactory' work he deserves all the encouragement we can give him. This is Sharma's first attempt at direction and one has to admit that he has done a good job of it. Except the top half dozen directors in India his work can stand comparison with any other director. His experience of the camera has stood him in good stead in the matter of choosing effective camera angles and considering that none of the artistes who play the leading roles had distinguished themselves in their earlier pictures, he has taken good work out of them.

Conservative Slant

This is not to be taken to mean, however, that "Aulad" is perfect or without blemish. For one, personally I do not like the conservative slant of the story, in which Kedar Sharma has sought to indict the younger generation for being selfish, snobbish and spendthrifts, while glorifying the devotion and sacrifice of a father. It is not a new story. Much the same kind of thing was seen in "Mother India" and the present film can very conveniently be termed "Father India". The conflict between the elder and the younger generation, as depicted in this picture, is over-simplified and sentimentalized to the uttermost extreme. One may expect some hysterical, over-affectionate granny to tell this kind of story but not a sensible young man like Kedar Sharma. The younger generation is to blame for many things, even as the older generation is not blameless! But to depict a father as sacrificing everything for the sake of a son and daughter who are complete wasters at college may be true of one or two isolated cases but, as representative of a whole generation, it is rather unfair and unreal.



Shahu Modak and Shanta Hublikar in "ADMI" at Central.

Unfair To The Modern Girl

The character of the college girl, the daughter who refuses to acknowledge her father when she finds him working as a servant in the house of a friend, is particularly uncharitable. It is a libel on our educated young women. There are handicaps enough in the way of Indian women's high education without such films bolstering up the position of reactionaries and conservatives. The slightly veiled reference to birth-control in a conversation between some collegians which occurs in the film is not in good taste.

Perhaps I am exaggerating my criticism of this aspect of "Aulad". The success of "Mother India" (It proved to be one of the outstanding box-office hits of the year inspite of its imperfect technique) shows that this kind of sentimental, old-fashioned sob-stuff appeals to a large number of cine-goers. Comparatively, "Aulad" is a much better production, more entertaining, generally clean and well-photographed, with far better dialogues. The scenario is imaginative only on a few occasions (e.g. the cut-back-montage of Sheela's childhood), generally following traditional lives. Even the amateur drawing-room cabaret scene is there!

The Father

As for acting, Rajendra Singh who plays the old father gives the most striking performance and completely wins the sympathy of the audience for his point-of-view. He is remarkably typical of the small-town man, doting over his children, suffering from the illusion that once his son becomes a graduate he would get a big job, unable to understand but tolerating the "modern" fads of his daughter and, in the end, completely broken by the tragic fate of his beloved children. There is a certain pathetic dignity even in his most 'naive' gesture which cannot fail to touch the heart.

—And The Daughter

Ramola Devi, an attractive personality, playfully goes through her role of the 'modern' daughter which did not demand much histrionic ability except in the final scenes where the intensity of emotions could only have been expressed by a ore experienced actress. With proper and careful direction she ought to improve in her subsequent pictures. Muzammil who had failed to impress anyone in "Tumhari Jeet" is less stiff in this picture and may do well in future in subdued, non-romantic roles. Nand Kishore is a smart young man, quite pleasant but rather amateurish. He can certainly be groomed into a better actor.

I will be very glad if Kedar Sharma's directorial debut proves successful. But I hope next time he will give us something less conventional and more progressive.

K. A. ABBAS.

AMATEUR CINE COMPETITION POSTPONED

Owing to the additional cost of filming generally and the difficulty of processing colour films, the Amateur Cine Society of India (new address: C/o. "The Illustrated Weekly of India" Bombay) have decided to postpone their "Ten-Best-Films of the Indian Empire" contest till normal times return.

The postponement has meant the refunding by the Society to the Government of Bombay of the prize money for the Special Rural Uplift films advertised, and at present it is not known whether these prizes will again be offered.

BROCHURES.

As there is no knowing how long the period of suspension will last, all would-be entrants should send the competition coupons from their Brochures, duly signed, to the Secretary of the Society, who will keep a record of them, thus obviating the necessity of buying a fresh brochure should the original one be lost.

Full details regarding dates and prizes will be published when the Competition is re-opened.

BALGANDHARVA AS DHAIRYADHARA

Balgandharva is playing the role of Dhairyadhara, hero of the play "Manapamana" on Sunday at the Balivala Grand Theatre. His two previous roles as Charudatta and Ashwin Shet have now created such confidence in him and the public mind that he is taking now the role of a vigorous and virile martial. It would have been better perhaps, if he had first come before the public as Kacha in "Vidyaharana" and Sudhakara in "Ekach Pyala." Miss Gohar Karnataki will play Bhamini in Manapamana this Sunday.

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL: "Admi" Prabhat production: India's greatest picture of the year starring Shanta Hublikar, Shahu Modak. No intelligent cinegoer dare miss it. (13th week.)

IMPERIAL: "As You Please". Sudama's maiden offering, starring Sabita Devi and Motilal with Vasantee and Mazhar Khan. Excellent comedy. Should be seen. (Fifth week.)

KRISHNA: "Aulad", Film Corporations' production, featuring Ramola Devi, Nandkishore, Marzammil etc. (Reviewed on this page.)

LAMINGTON: "Kahan Hai Manzil Teri?" featuring Ila Devi, Radha Rani, Harischandra.



A portrait study of Mr. Charles Gerrard, by M. Desai, which is one of the exhibits at the International Photo Exhibition now being held at Cama Institute.

Story with a pre-historic background. (Fifth week.)

MAJESTIC: "Bhagwa Zenda" (Marathi), Saraswati's historical picture, featuring Londhe, Chandrakant, Ratnamala, Sheelavati, etc.

MINERVA: "Pukar," Sohrab Modi's screen achievement reviving the old Moghul glory. Featuring Naseem, Chandra Mohan and Sohrab Modi. Very popular. Should be seen. (18th week.)

OPERA HOUSE: "Sant Tulsidas"—Ranjit's devotional picture Starring Leela Chitnis, Pagnis, Vasantee, K. Datey. (24th week.)

PATHE: "On The River." (Nadi Kinare), starring Kumar and Sitara. Crude but rollicking entertainment. Good Songs. (Fourth week.)

ROXY: "Kangan," Bombay Talkies' latest, starring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar with Mubarak, V. H. Desai and Saroj Borkar. Interesting, sentimental melodrama. Some good songs Should be seen. (Sixth week.)

WEST END: "Mera Haq", Hun's sociological picture in Hindustani, starring Baburao Pendharkar, Minakshi etc. Good acting by principal stars.

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Was Doing a Sir Walter Raleigh But She Was No Maud Muller — By BUD FISHER



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About 150 prominent Muslims and representatives of different Jamats were present.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah explained to them the present political situation and the dire necessity for having a separate press in Bombay in the interests of Muslims in order to consolidate the Muslim League and to protect the Muslim rights and interests. Sir Ali Manomed Khan Dehlavi and others also spoke on the subject.

An appeal was made for donations for Bombay Muslim League Press and Propaganda fund and a sum of Rs. 44,924 was subscribed on the spot by the following persons.

Noormahomed Begmahomed and Aboorbucker Begmahomed Rs. 10,000, Anonymous Rs. 10,000, Hajee Ibrahim Jitekar Rs. 2,001, Haji Habib Haji Karim Rs. 2,001, Sir Rahimtulla Chinoy Rs 2,001, Major Alimahomed Macklai Rs 2,001, Abdul Tayeb Ismailji Maskati Rs. 2,001, Mahomed Ali Chaiwala Rs. 2,001, Mahomedalli M. Mamar Rs. 1,001, Ebrahim Yusuf Alireza Rs. 1,001, Shaik Mahomeddin Haji Kadarbux Rs. 1,001, Abdulla Sumar Shivji Rs. 1,001, Esmail I. Chundrigar Rs. 1,001, Sir Alimahomed Khan Dehlvi Rs. 1,000, Fatehahomed Haji Yusuf Khandwani Rs. 1,000, Ibrahim Haji Abba Rs. 750 Messrs. Killedar Bros. Rs. 501, Abdul Latiff Haji (Parekh and Co.) Rs. 500, Kassam Abdulla and Co. Rs. 500, Latiff Haji Gani Suleman Rs. 500, Haji Ebrahim Haji Suleman (Darvesh and Co.) 500, Dr. T. M. Kajiji Rs. 500, Haji Essa Jhaveri Rs. 251, Kazi Aziz Gafoor Rs. 251, Esmail Mahomed Soormamalta Rs. 251, Haji Alimahomed Jalaluddin Rs. 251, Cassam Ahmed Barwadia Rs. 151, Shaikh Husain Baban Contractor Rs. 151, Abdul Gafoor Mistry Rs. 125, Ramjanally Ebrahim Rs. 101, Mahomed Hassan A. Fazalbhoy, Solicitor Rs. 101, Ismail Moosa Patel Rs. 101, Gakirmahomed Haji Abdul Latiff Rs. 101, Abdul Kadar Engineer Rs. 101, Shaikh Abdul Latiff Rs. 100, A. H. Ismail Rs. 51, A poor Muslim Rs. 50, Mahomed Mussa Contractor Rs. 25. Total Rs. 44,924.

The meeting passed a resolution appointing provisionally the following office bearers:—

Mr. M. A. Jinnah (President).

Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Mr. Aboobucker Abdul Rehman Begmahomed, Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Yusuf Khandwani and Mr. Noormahomed Chinoy Joint Hony. Treasurers and Mr. Mahomed Ali Chaiwala as the Hony. Secertary for setting up a machinery for the purpose of collecting further funds. All funds so collected are to be deposited in an account to be opened in the name of the Bombay Muslim League Press and Propaganda fund with the Imperial Bank of India (Mandvi Branch).

The account so opened was to be operated upon by cheque signed by any two of the Treasurers with the sanction of the President. Any one of the Treasurers was authorised to pass receipts for the donations received.

JINNAH'S CALL TO LEAGUERS

Congress Cabinet Resignations Hailed As Deliverance

BOMBAY, Dec. 6.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President, All-India Muslim League in the course of a statement says:—

"I wish the Mussalmans all over India to observe Friday the 22nd of December as the day of deliverance and thanksgiving as a mark of relief that the Congress Governments have at last ceased to function. I hope that the Provincial, District and Primary leagues all over India will hold public meetings and pass resolutions and offer prayers by way of thanksgiving for being delivered from the unjust Congress regime. I trust that all public meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner and with all due sense of humility, and nothing should be done which will cause offence to any other community, because, it is the High Command of the Congress that is primarily responsible for the wrongs that have been done to the Mussalmans and other minorities

TEXT OF RESOLUTION.

"This public meeting of the Mussalmans of (name of the place) records its opinion that the Congress Ministry has conclusively demonstrated and proved the falsehood of the Congress claim that it represents all interests justly and fairly, by its decidedly anti-Muslim policy. It is the considered opinion of this meeting that the Congress Ministry has failed to safeguard the rights and interests of the Mussalmans and other minorities and interests.

"That the Congress Ministry both in the discharge of their duties of the administration and in the legislature have done their best to flout the Muslim opinion, to destroy Muslim culture, and interfered with their religious and social life, and trampled upon their economic and political rights,

"That in matters of difference and disputes, the Congress Ministry invariably have sided with, supported and advanced the cause of the Hindus in total disregard and to the prejudice of the Muslim interests.

"The Congress Government constantly interfered with the legitimate and routine duties of the District officers, even in petty matters, to the serious detriment of the Mussalmans, and thereby created an atmosphere which spread the belief amongst the Hindu public that there was established a Hindu raj, and emboldened the Hindus, mostly Congressmen, to illtreat Muslims at various places and interfere with their elementary rights of freedom.

"This meeting therefore, expresses its deep sense of relief at the termination of the Congress regime in various provinces and rejoices in observing this day as the 'day of deliverance' from tyranny, oppression and injustice during the last two and a half years, and prays to God to grant such strength, discipline and organisation to Muslim India as to successfully prevent the advent of such a Ministry again and to establish a truly popular Ministry which would do even justice to all communities and interests.

"This meeting urges upon His Excellency the Governor of (name of the place) and his Council of Advisers to inquire into the legitimate grievances of the Mussalmans and the wrongs done to them by the outgoing Congress Ministry, and redress the same at the earliest moment in accordance with the announcements that have been made by the Governors in taking over the Government of various provinces under Section 93 of the Government of India Act of 1935 and thus assure people that the new regime stands for even justice to all communities and interests concerned."—A. P.

DEHLAVI ON LEAGUE'S "ACHIEVEMENTS"

Appeal To Muslims To Contribute To Paper Fund

SURAT, Dec. 5.

Sir Ali Mahomed Khan Dehlavi, the Muslim League leader, addressed last night a mass meeting held under the auspices of the Surat Muslim League.

Sir Ali spoke on the progress and achievements of the League within the last two years and a half. The reorganisation and the rise of the League from a humble beginning of about 300 members to its present stature, he said was due to the leadership of Mr Jinnah.

LEAGUE'S GREAT POSITION

Referring to the question of Hindu Muslim unity Sir Ali recounted the first attempt when Mahatma Gandhi called on Mr. Jinnah in connection with the negotiations. He pointed out that the League was never averse to an honourable settlement on equal terms. He deplored that those attempts and negotiations failed to fructify since the orthodox element of the Congress were averse to recognise the Muslim League as the sole and only representative of the Muslim cause. The League therefore, dropped the negotiations and the matter ended there for the time.

Adverting to the proposed Nehru-Jinnah talks Sir Ali said that it signified that the talks were meant for the whole and sole purpose of bringing about through the League the long desired and now overdue settlement of Hindu-Muslim Unity.

After referring to Federation to the rejection of which the League was pledged, Sir Ali expressed satisfaction that the whole scheme of the Act of 1935 would be considered de novo. This was a feather in the League's cap

Sir Ali appealed to the Muslims to contribute liberally to establish an English paper which was an outstanding necessity of the League.—A. P.

KAMALADEVI TO MEET MRS ROOSEVELT

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Russian-American Institute for Cultural Relations, and the India Welfare League of America.

BANQUET AT TOWN HALL.

There is to be a banquet at the Town Hall Club in New York City on November 21 in her honour, at which Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Roger Baldwin, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; Will Durant; Norman Thomas, Socialist Leader in America; John Gunther, author of "Inside Asia"; Louis Bromfield, author of "The Rains Came"; Ruth St. Denis; Senator Bruce Barton; Professor Harry F. Ward; Professor Walther Rautenstrauch; Mrs. Stuyvesant Chanler; Dr. Sherwood Eddy; Miss Mary Van Kleek, of the Russel Sage Foundation; and various others will be sponsors.

On November 19th there will be a tea for Kamaladevi given by the India League of America, at which its members, both American and Indian, will have a chance to meet her and to hear her message. Later in the evening of that same day, the Young India Associatio.. will give an All-Indian meeting for Kamaladevi. On the 16th the Muslim Negroes of New York are tendering her a banquet.

On the 18th of November Mrs. Kamaladevi will meet Mrs. Roosevelt in a private interview.

In the midst of all these activities, she is also writing several articles for the better papers and periodicals.

There could not be a happier combination than the present interest in India and the presence here of such a person Srimati Kamaladevi to explain authentically and authoritatively the situation in India. She is doing most successfully a much needed work. In the short space of the two weeks that she has been in New York, she has made a very profound impression upon a surprisingly large number of important people—the sort of people who are most influential in forming public opinion here.

BRITAIN'S WATCHWORD

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ning amok among the shipping of neutrals.

HITLER'S SECRET WEAPON

Referring to mines, Mr. Churchill said that it was about the lowest form of warfare that could be imagined. It was the warfare of the Irish Republican Army, leaving a bomb in the parcels office at a railway station. The magnetic mine might perhaps be Hitler's much-vaunted secret weapon.

Mr. Churchill said that more than half of Britain's losses last month were due to magnetic mines, but two-thirds of the total losses from the use of this mine had fallen, not on belligerents, but on neutrals. The magnetic mine was neither new nor mysterious. Preparations of counter-measures had already far advanced before the first magnetic mine was laid in British waters.

EMBARGO ON GERMAN EXPORTS.

Referring to retaliatory embargo on German exports, Mr Churchill said that no serious inconvenience need be caused to neutrals. They had only to avoid carrying tainted goods in their ships and could easily obtain a certificate enabling them to proceed without interference or delay.

Concluding Mr. Churchill said that their watchword should be "carry on and dread nought."—Reuter.

On Saturday the 2nd instant the people of Hulkoti (Dharwar District) performed the Palanquin procession and Maha Mandap Puja of Shri Gurunatharudha Swami, the nominee of the late Shri Sidharudha Swami of Hubli.

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Fate Of U. P. Employment Tax

VICEROY SUSPENDS CONSIDERATION OF BILL

PARLIAMENT TO CLARIFY ISSUE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF THE UNITED PROVINCES EMPLOYMENTS TAX BILL, SAYS A PRESS NOTE.

Whitehall's Fiat

His Excellency has been in consultation with the Secretary of State for India regarding the Bill, which was reserved for his consideration by His Excellency the Governor of the United Provinces. In the opinion of His Majesty's Government the powers of taxation given to Provincial Governments by the terms of item 46 of the Provincial Legislative list were never intended to bear the very wide interpretation which the bill puts upon them.

Parliament To Clarify Issue

In order that there may be no room for doubt in a matter of such importance, His Majesty's Government consider that Parliament should be asked to confirm and clarify its intentions, and for this purpose they propose to take advantage of the Bill to amend the Government of India Act, which is now being reintroduced in Parliament and to include therein the amendment necessary, in their view, for the removal of all doubts as to the scope of item 46.—A.P.

SOARING OF PRICES

Govt. Considering Situation

A "Chronicle" representative learns that the situation arising out of the soaring of prices of important commodities is receiving the serious attention of the Government of Bombay which is expected to come to a decision in the near future.

The various points raised by the Horniman deputation which waited on Sir Gilbert Wiles on November 16, have been considered by Government. Communications, it is understood, were addressed by Government to the Grain Merchants Association, Sugar Merchants' Association, Proprietors of sugar factories, Rice Merchants' Association and other trade interests as also consumers, with a view to ascertain the different view-points.

The Government has specially prepared charts showing the fluctuation in prices and the comparative increase on pre-war level.

COTTON OPTIONS

Govt. Of Bombay Consulting Govt. Of India

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Government of Bombay, it is understood, is in consultation with the Central Government on the question regarding action concerning cotton options. The views put forward by different trade interests seem to have been conveyed to the Government of India.

Cause Of Uncontrolled Profiteering

Vicious Circle Of Shifting Responsibility

U. P. AUTHORITIES' MOVE TO BRING ISSUE BEFORE GOVT. OF INDIA

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, December 6.

It is understood the new Government of the United Provinces has been moved by the Allahabad District authorities to bring the question of the rise in prices to the notice of the Government of India.

It is felt necessary by them that the Government of India should take concerted action against speculators in all parts of India.

Mr. G. W. M. Whittle, District Magistrate, is reported to have gone into the question and his view is said to be that the rise in prices is due to more than local causes. Speculation in Bombay, Calcutta and Punjab is said to be the main causes. Other grain centres in U. P. and Central Provinces have been caught in the whirlpool of speculation.

VICIOUS CIRCLE

This view appears only partially correct, for speculators are busy in U. P. too making huge profits and it is open to the Provincial Government to take drastic action against them. The need for the Central Government to take concerted action is certainly indicated in view of the Provincial Governments more or less sleeping over the matter.

NOT ONLY IN U. P. BUT ELSEWHERE TOO THINGS APPEAR MOVING IN A VICIOUS CIRCLE, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PROBABLY SHIFTING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PROVINCES AND THE PROVINCES TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. IT REMAINS A MYSTERY WHY BOTH ARE FIGHTING SHY OF DEALING WITH PROFITEERS WITH A STRONG HAND.

City Chauffeurs Demand War Prices Allowances

The General Secretary, Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union writes:—

Demand for War Prices Allowance of 15 per cent. in their salaries, adoption of more stringent measures against pedestrians by the Commissioner of Police due to the increasing difficulty in driving safely due to Black-outs in the City, Compulsory Unemployment Insurance by the Government were some of the subjects on which resolutions were passed by the City Chauffeurs at the third annual general meeting of their Union held on Sunday, when Mr. Yusuf Meherally, presided.

After the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were adopted, the meeting unanimously elected Mr. Vasant S. Velinker as the President and Mr. N. T. Shroff General Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ABNORMAL RISE IN PRICES OF FOOD STUFFS IN U. P.

Great Discontent Among People: Workers Demand Increase In Wages

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 6.

The prices of foodstuffs and other commodities like medical preparations etc. have soared up heavily throughout the United Provinces. Prices of wheat, grain, bajri, barley have registered considerable rise. Prices of oilseeds have also shot up at Allahabad. This, it appears has affected prices in Bengal as Allahabad is the exporting centre.

The price of sugar has recorded extraordinary rise. There is considerable discontent among the public of Allahabad. The City Congress Committee has appointed a sub-committee to investigate into the matter.

The Allahabad Muslim League has passed a resolution viewing with great concern the sudden and abnormal rise in prices and drawn attention of the Government.

A deputation of the depressed classes waited on the Collector yesterday while the Mazdoor Kisan Sewak Sangh of Allahabad has expressed its grave concern. Workers at Cawnpore and Allahabad have demanded "dear food allowance" in view of the rise in prices.

AZAD TO GO TO LAHORE

Punjab Congress Differences To Be Handled

PATNA, Dec. 5.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who arrived here this morning in connection with the Hindustani Committee work, has issued the following statement:—

"For the last three years the Punjab friends as well as the All-India Congress Working Committee have been insisting on my giving time to go to the Punjab regarding the affairs of the Punjab Congress.

I have come to Patna to participate in the meeting of the Hindustani Committee after which I shall start for Lahore, breaking journey at Delhi 'en route.'

As the present condition of my health is not satisfactory I hope the Punjab friends will keep it in view.—A. P.

Kamaladevi To Meet Mrs. Roosevelt

IN TWO WEEKS IN NEW YORK SHE HAS MADE PROFOUND IMPRESSION ON AMERICAN OPINION

(From A Correspondent).

NEW YORK, (By Mail).

Srimati Kamaladevi arrived in New York on October 31, and was greeted on her arrival by prominent members of the Indian community here. Since then she has been busily engaged in meeting important American citizens and addressing various organizations.

There is great interest in India here in America just now, and it is most fortunate that such a person as Srimat. Kamaladevi can be here. The representatives of all the leading daily papers interviewed her at a press conference. At a luncheon given in her honour by Mr. Richard Walsh, Editor of the "Asia" Magazine, there were present Miss Pearl Buck, Bruce Bliven of the "New Republic," George Soule, also of the "New Republic," and other prominent journalists. On other occasions Srimati Kamaladevi has met and talked with Upton Close, Will Durant, Professor Harry Ward, and Ruth St. Denis. She has been invited to address the National Council of the Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Margaret Sanger's Institute, Hunter College, City College, Brooklyn College, Sarah Lawrence College, the China Institute of America,

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Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya who is touring America.

Halifax's Assurance To Neutral Nations On Contraband Control

ALLIES' RESOLVE TO SEE THE WAR THROUGH

Lord Halifax replying to the neutral protest against contraband control said that the measure would be used with restrain and caution and that not a single neutral ship has been damaged or sunk so far by the measure.

British underwriters announce new war risk rates for overseas shipping.

There is practically no war news from the Western Front.

Referring to neutral protests against seizure of German exports, Lord Halifax said that they would be answered in full detail and emphasised that Government had not exceeded their rights under the International Law. They had done their best to apply their policy with restraint and consideration and tried to alleviate hardships to neutral trade.

Nothing that they had done on the sea had imperilled the life of a single neutral, while Germany had ruthlessly violated neutral rights and destroyed neutral life by indiscriminate sinking of neutral and belligerent ships. Her policy, clearly threatened the liberties of neutral countries and the fundamental principles on which their life and ours was founded.

Lord Halifax added, it is in this light that we are entitled to ask the neutrals to judge our actions which have been forced on us through Germany's method of war. Lord Halifax concluded emphasising the Allies' resolve to see the war through and said that they did not expect an easy victory nor counted on an early collapse of the Enemy's home front.

BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC POSITION QUITE SOUND

Samuel Hoare's Reply To Arthur Greenwood

LONDON, Dec. 5.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Greenwood moved an amendment to the address regretting the absence of proposals for organising to the full our human and material resources for the effective prosecution of the war, provision and maintenance of an adequate standard of life for all and for the solution on the basis of social justice of problems, which arise on return of peace.

Sir Samuel Hoare in his reply reviewed Britain's industrial efforts after three months of the war and said that the value of the contracts placed for munitions and equipment since the beginning of the war was 195 million sterling and in a single week—November 21 to 28—twelve million sterling. The number of ordnance factories in production numbered 13 while 16 others were in various stages of completion, 28 private factories known as agency factories had been built or were building.

With regard to tanks and transport, forecasts of the production rate for wheeled vehicles for January, 1940, was ten times that for January 1939. Since the beginning of the war the Government had undertaken a programme which would result in doubling the amount of aircraft production. We were greatly expanding in a gigantic war effort, our previous programme of building a million tons of new merchant shipping.

Referring to unemployment Sir Samuel Hoare expressed the opinion that in the early months of 1940, a job would be looking for the man and not the man for a job."—Reuter.

New Scheme For Women Pilots

Women pilots would be employed to ferry R. A. F. aircraft, light training types, from the factories to the aerodrome.

At the outset only eight women would be employed. Under this new Air Ministry scheme, they form a section of the A. S. I. Transport Auxiliary Service.

War Risk Allowance

The British underwriters announce the following new war-risk insurance rates quoted in shillings per cent throughout.

North Central and South America, Atlantic and Pacific ports, to and from East and Far-East via the Panama, under the Allied Flag, 20 shillings, under a neutral flag, thirteen shillings, four pence; and Australasia via the Suez 50 and 35. Portugal and Spain, Atlantic, to and from East and South Africa 40 and 30.

Britain's Supply Of Cereals

With a view to ensuring regular importation of cereals by the North Atlantic route, the Minister of Shipping is requisitioning British ships for cargoes bought by the Ministry of Food.

The requisitioning may be extended to the conveyance of other essential Government cargoes. Sir John Gilmour announced this decision in the House of Commons.

Allied Scheme To Compromise Neutrality

An attempt to persuade neutrals, that the convocation of the League is an Allied scheme to compromise their neutrality, is the theme of a statement issued by the official "Diplomatische Korrespondenz" tonight.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Outstanding item of news is the Princely gift of Lord Nuffield to create a central hospital fund for the provinces. How this man gives and gives and is yet the richer for it. It is an example in modesty, which some of our ostentatious millionaires should study with care.

A big event for little girls is the forthcoming production by the Alexandra Girls School of a play called "A Royal Jester" on December 9th. Here is an institution which is gradually becoming an institution—a right wing added here and a left wing there. Out of it come out annually a bunch of girls, who begin to face the problem of life and marriage in different ways. In order that these girls may turn out to be good housewives, even cooking is taught them Incidentally who wrote "The Royal Jester"?

There is a Labour demand for a secret session of the House of Commons. There must be a secret first, before you can have a session round it.

London is to open its night-life if only for Christmas. So many loving couples would still prefer the Black Out.

Comrade Stalin will send Herr Hitler a revised map of Europe for Christmas. In return Herr Hitler will send him a revised copy of "Mein Kempf" with the alterations made in the Chapter on Communism.

BENGAL STANDS FIRST IN BOOZE!

Effect Of Prohibition In Bombay

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6.

Bengal has now superseded Bombay as the province importing the largest amount of liquor into India.

During the first seven months of the current financial year imported 803,955 gallons of liquor, compared with 641,003 imported by Bombay.

During the same period of 1938 Bombay imported 96,903 gallons compared with Bengal's 807,208, and in 1937 Bombay's total was 1,032,109 gallons compared with Bengal's 845,282.

During the first seven months of current financial year Sind imported 418,564 gallons of liquor and Madras 313,992.

Both these totals show decreases compared with the previous years —A. P.

NUFFIELD'S GIFT

£1,250,000 For Central Hospital Fund

LONDON, December 5

Lord Nuffield has given a million Morris motor shares worth nearly a million and a quarter sterling to create a central hospital fund for the provinces.

Lord Nuffield has expressed the hope that from this fund and the King's Fund in London there would ultimately emerge a truly national hospital service.—Reuter

£1,00,000 As Christmas Gift To Britain

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 6

The Executive of the Mayor's National Fund has decided to send 100,000 sterling as a Christmas gift to the people of Britain from South Africa, one million cigarettes each to British and French troops, and thereafter one million cigarettes monthly for the duration of the war to the troops at the front.

Two hundred thousand sterling have already been raised towards the million sterling fund.—Reuter

Admiral Sir Reginald Erle-Drax succeeds Sir H. J. S. Brownrigg as Commander-in-Chief, and Nore and Chattam.—Reuter.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — THE JUG OF DEATH



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